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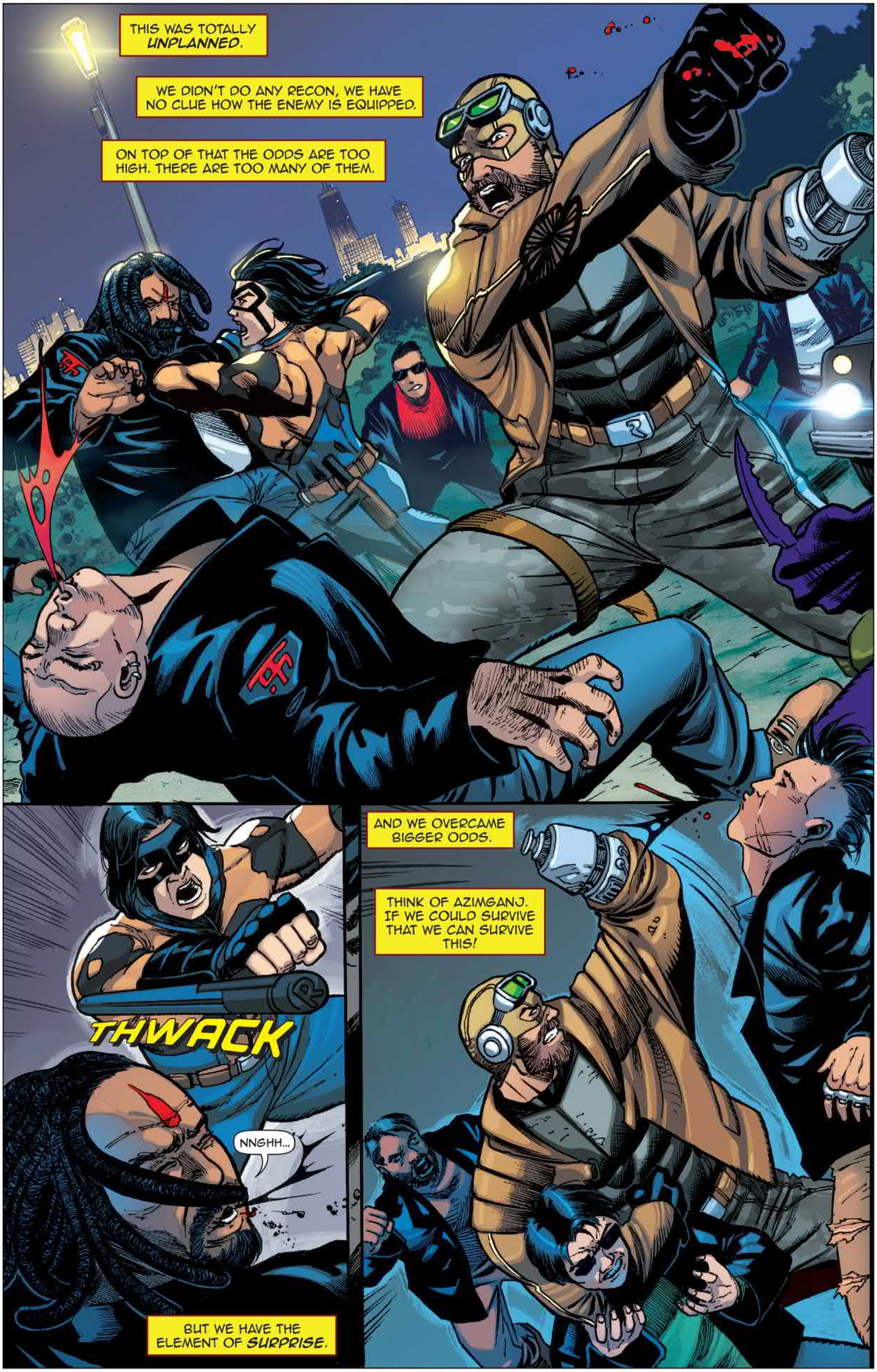
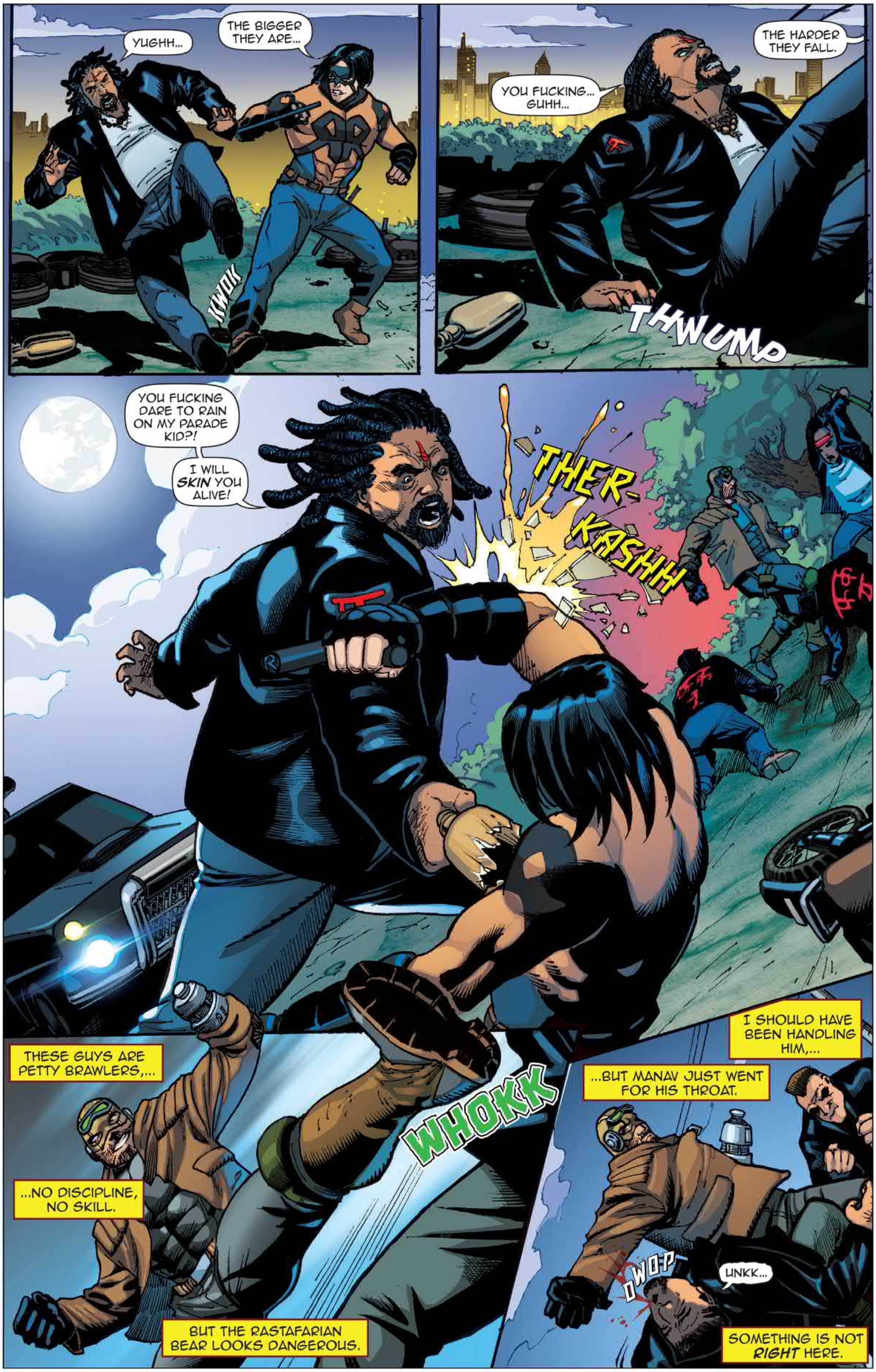
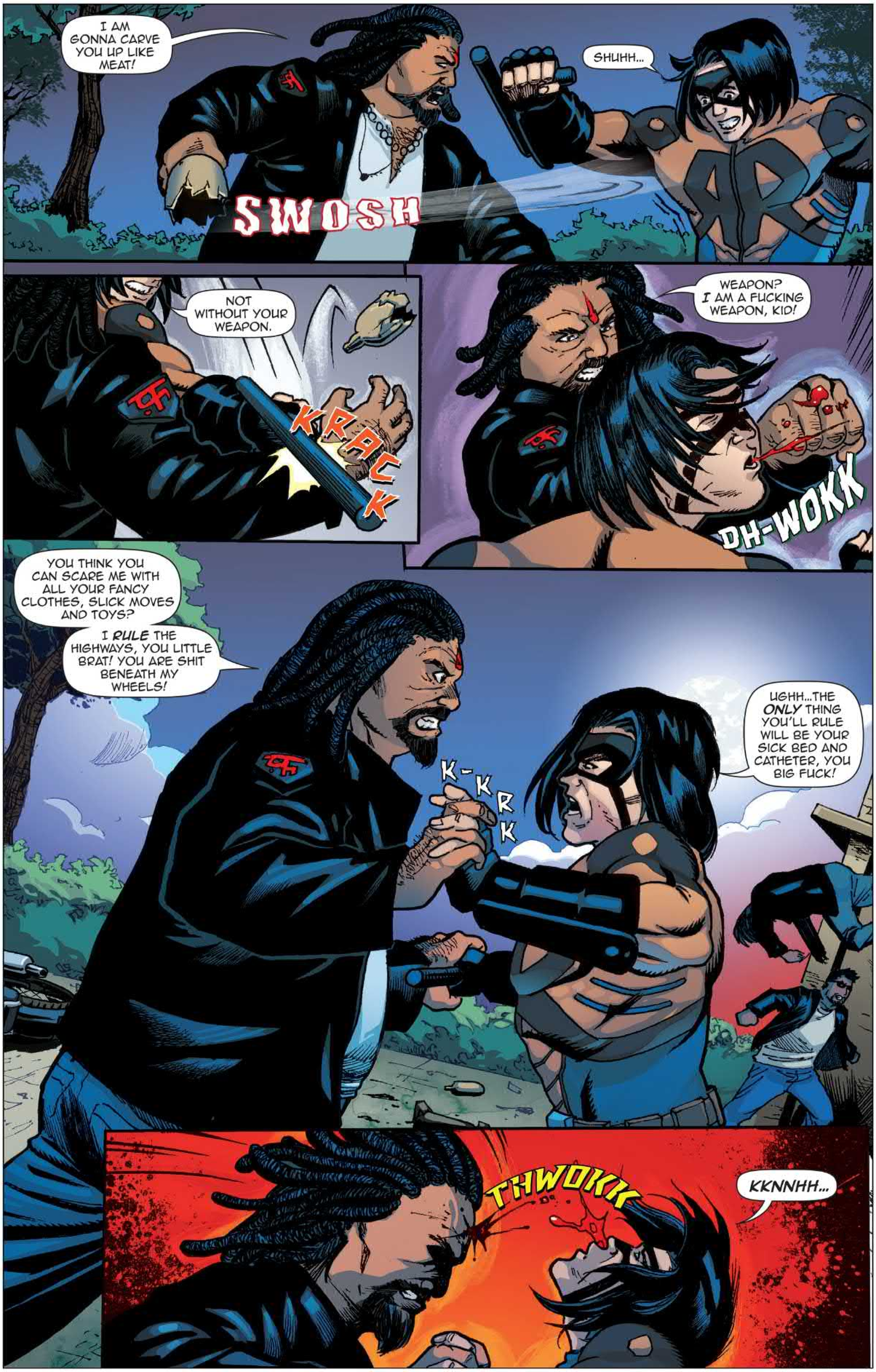
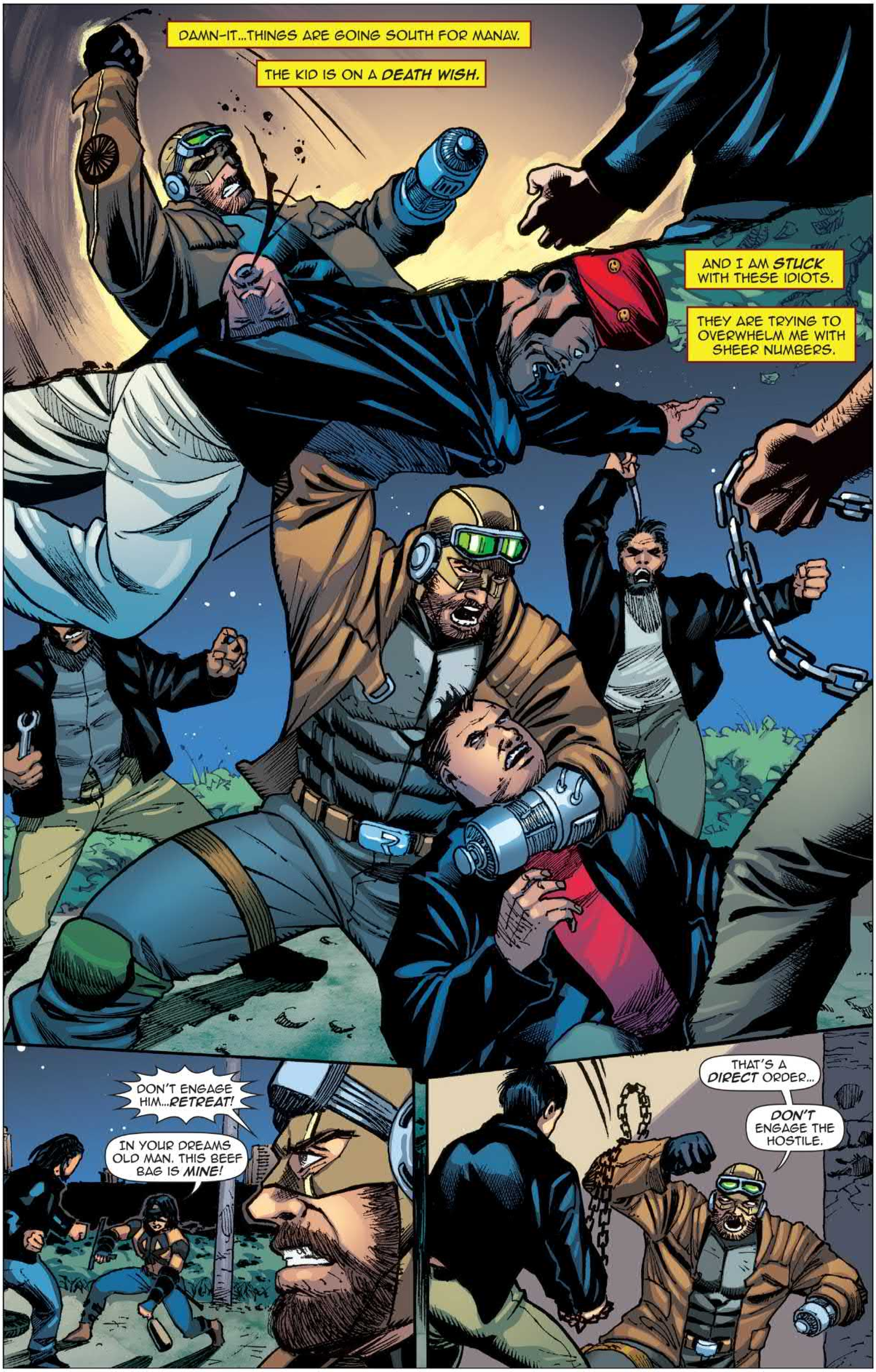
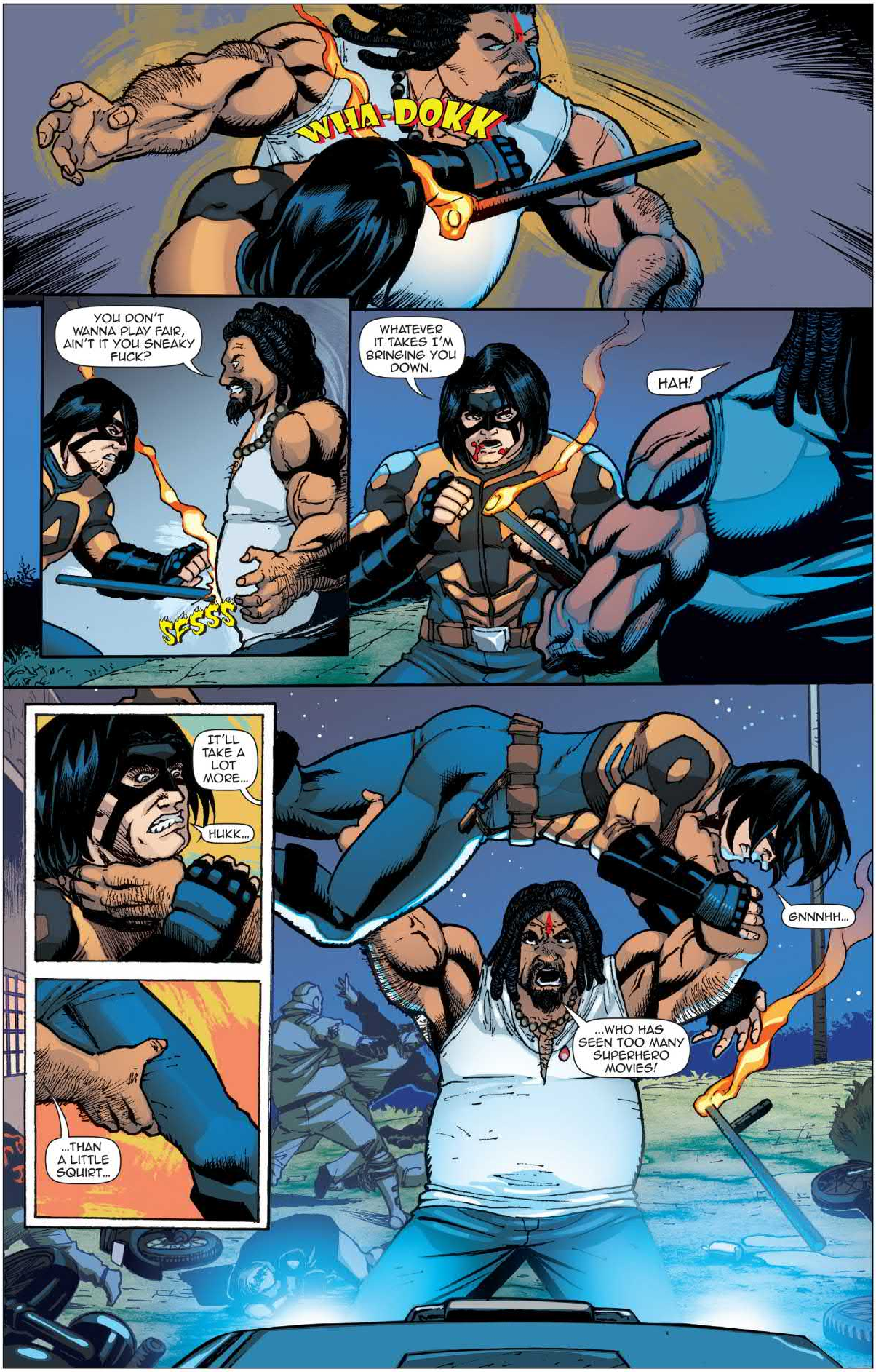
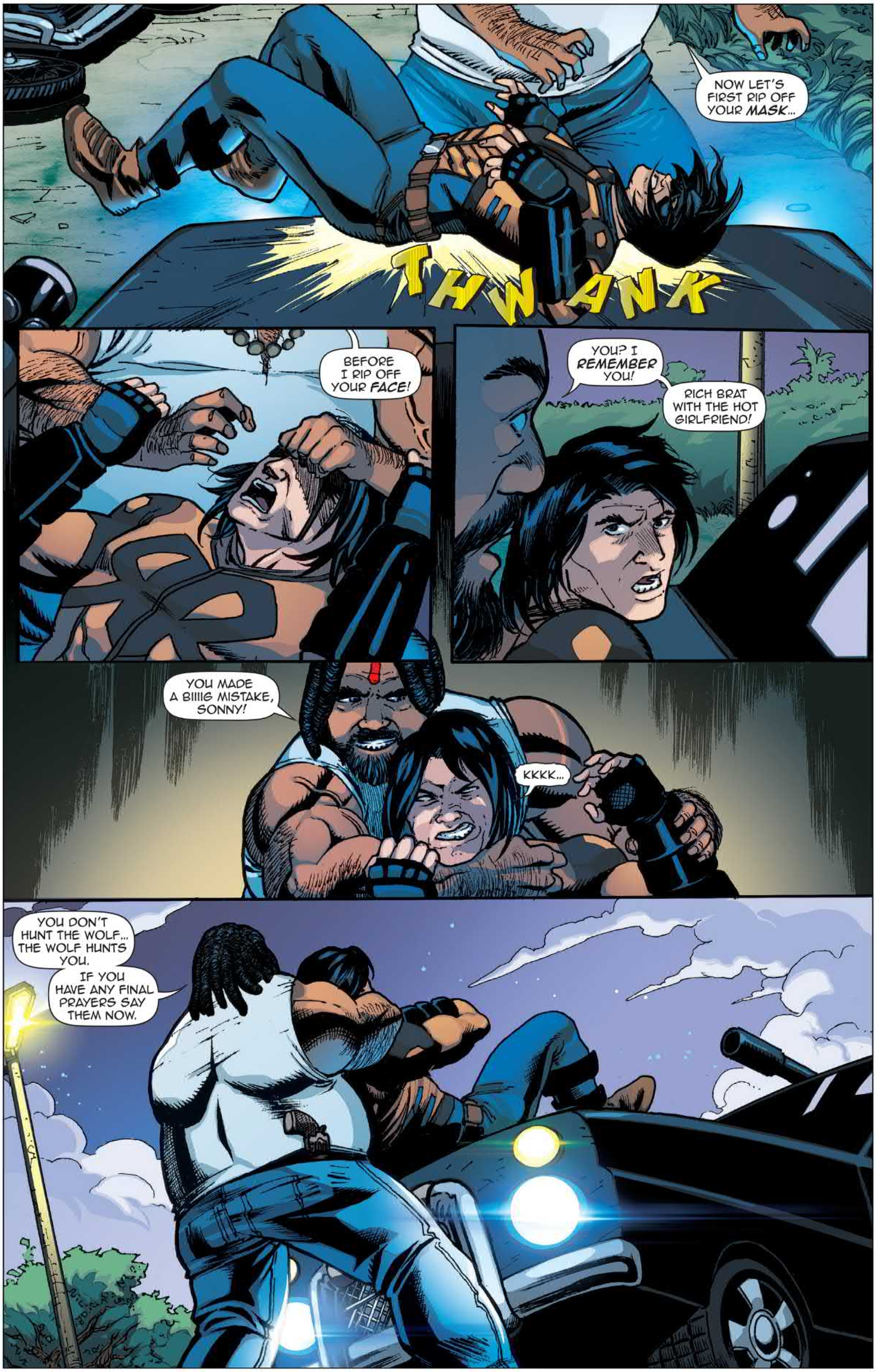

THIS WAS TOTALLY *UNPLANNED*.
WE DIDN'T DO ANY RECON, WE HAVE NO CLUE HOW THE ENEMY IS EQUIPPED.
ON TOP OF THAT THE ODDS ARE TOO HIGH. THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM.
THWACK
NNGHH...
BUT WE HAVE THE ELEMENT OF *SURPRISE*.
AND WE OVERCAME BIGGER ODDS.
THINK OF AZIMGANJ. IF WE COULD SURVIVE THAT WE CAN SURVIVE THIS!

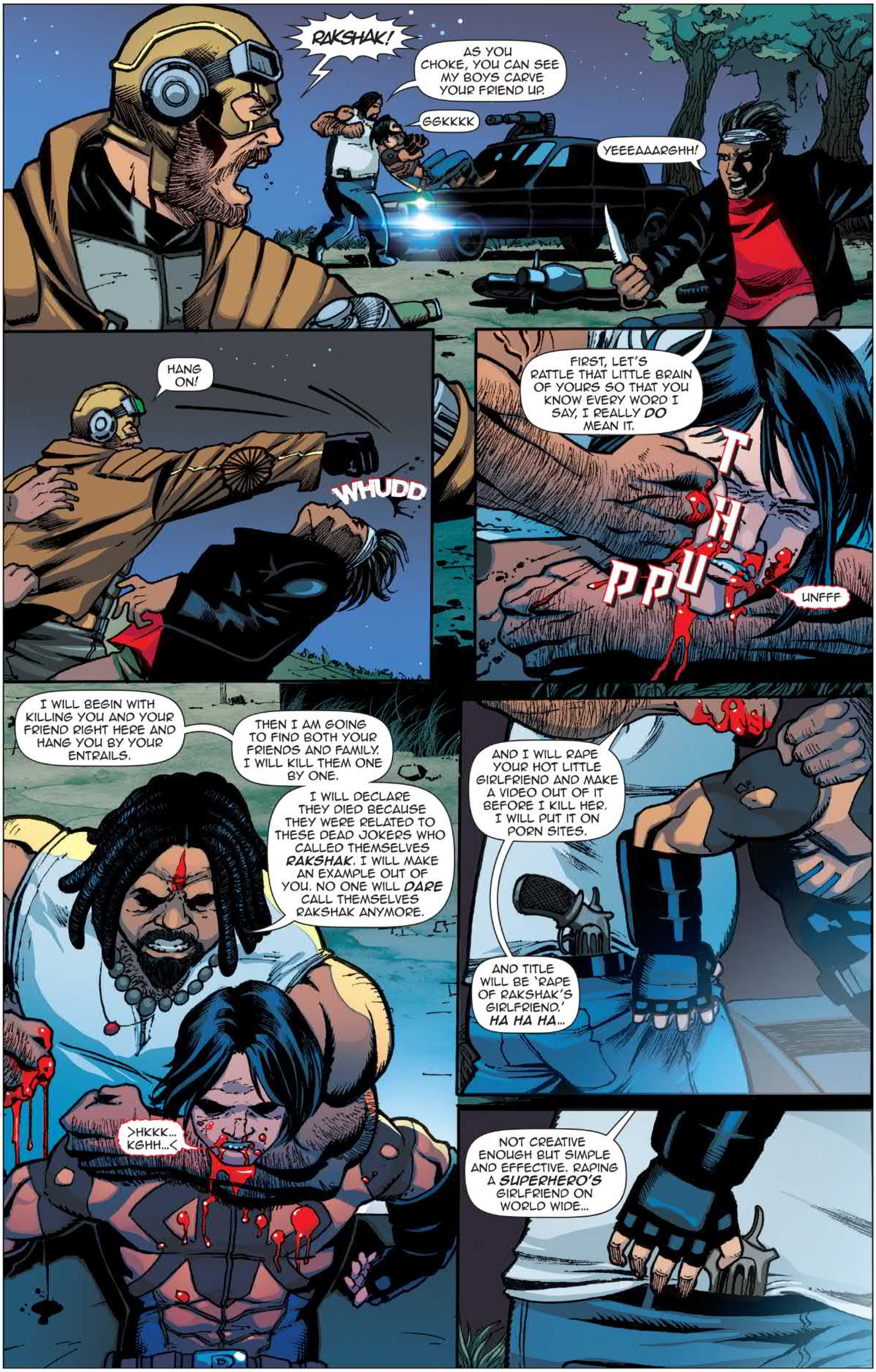

YUGHH...
THE BIGGER THEY ARE...
KWOK
THE HARDER THEY FALL.
YOU FUCKING... GUHH...
THWUMP
YOU FUCKING DARE TO RAIN ON MY PARADE KID?!
I WILL *SKIN* YOU ALIVE!
THER-KASHH
WHOKK
THESE GUYS ARE PETTY BRAWLERS,...
...NO DISCIPLINE, NO SKILL.
BUT THE RASTAFARIAN BEAR LOOKS DANGEROUS.
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN HANDLING HIM,...
...BUT MANAV JUST WENT FOR HIS THROAT.
DWOP
UNKK...
SOMETHING IS NOT *RIGHT* HERE.

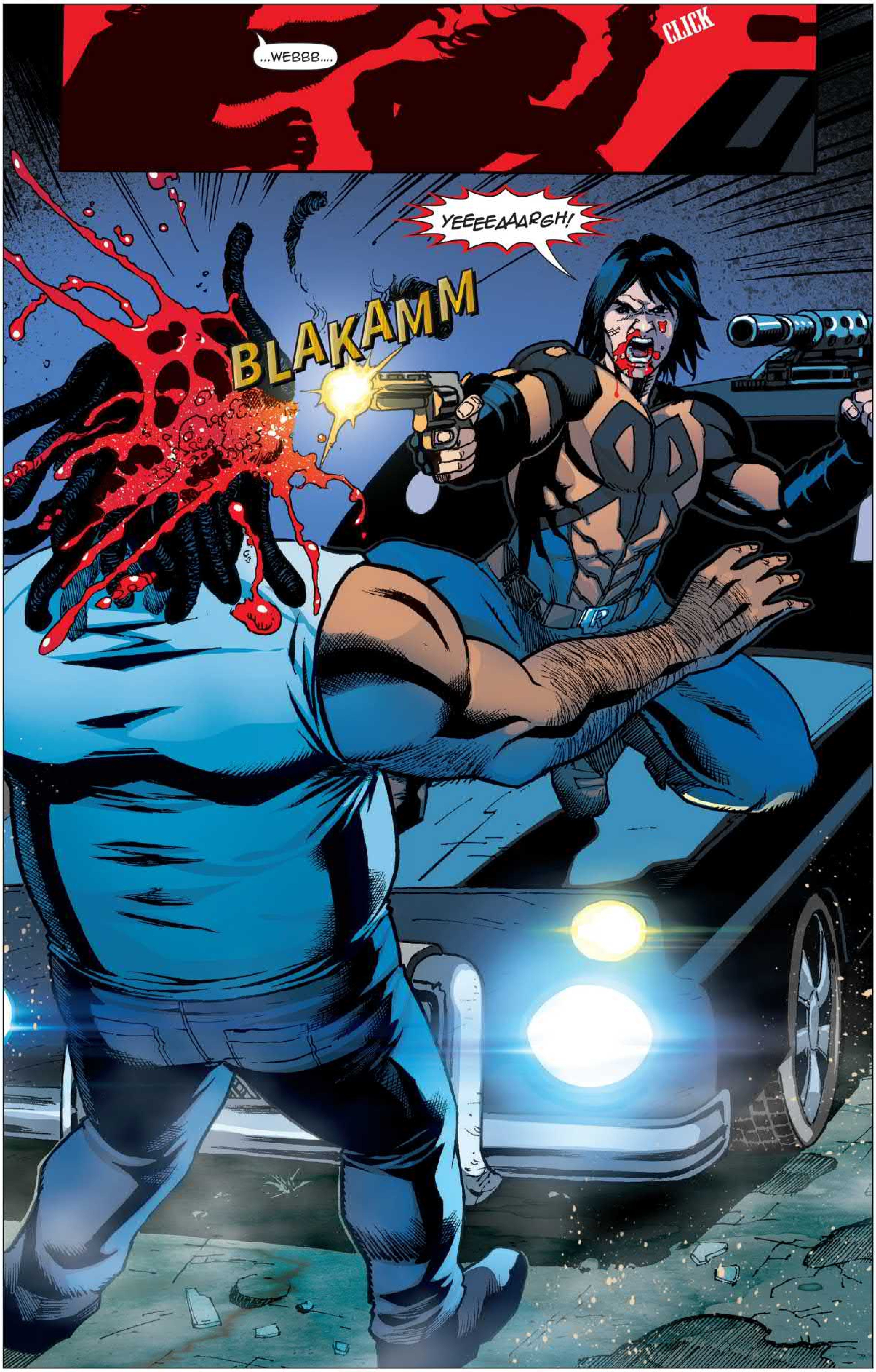

I AM GONNA CARVE YOU UP LIKE MEAT!
SHUHH...
SWOSH
NOT WITHOUT YOUR WEAPON.
KRACK
WEAPON? I AM A FUCKING WEAPON, KID!
DH-WOKK
YOU THINK YOU CAN SCARE ME WITH ALL YOUR FANCY CLOTHES, SLICK MOVES AND TOYS?
I RULE THE HIGHWAYS, YOU LITTLE BRAT! YOU ARE SHIT BENEATH MY WHEELS!
K-KRK
UGHH...THE ONLY THING YOU'LL RULE WILL BE YOUR SICK BED AND CATHETER, YOU BIG FUCK!
THWOKK
KKNNHH...

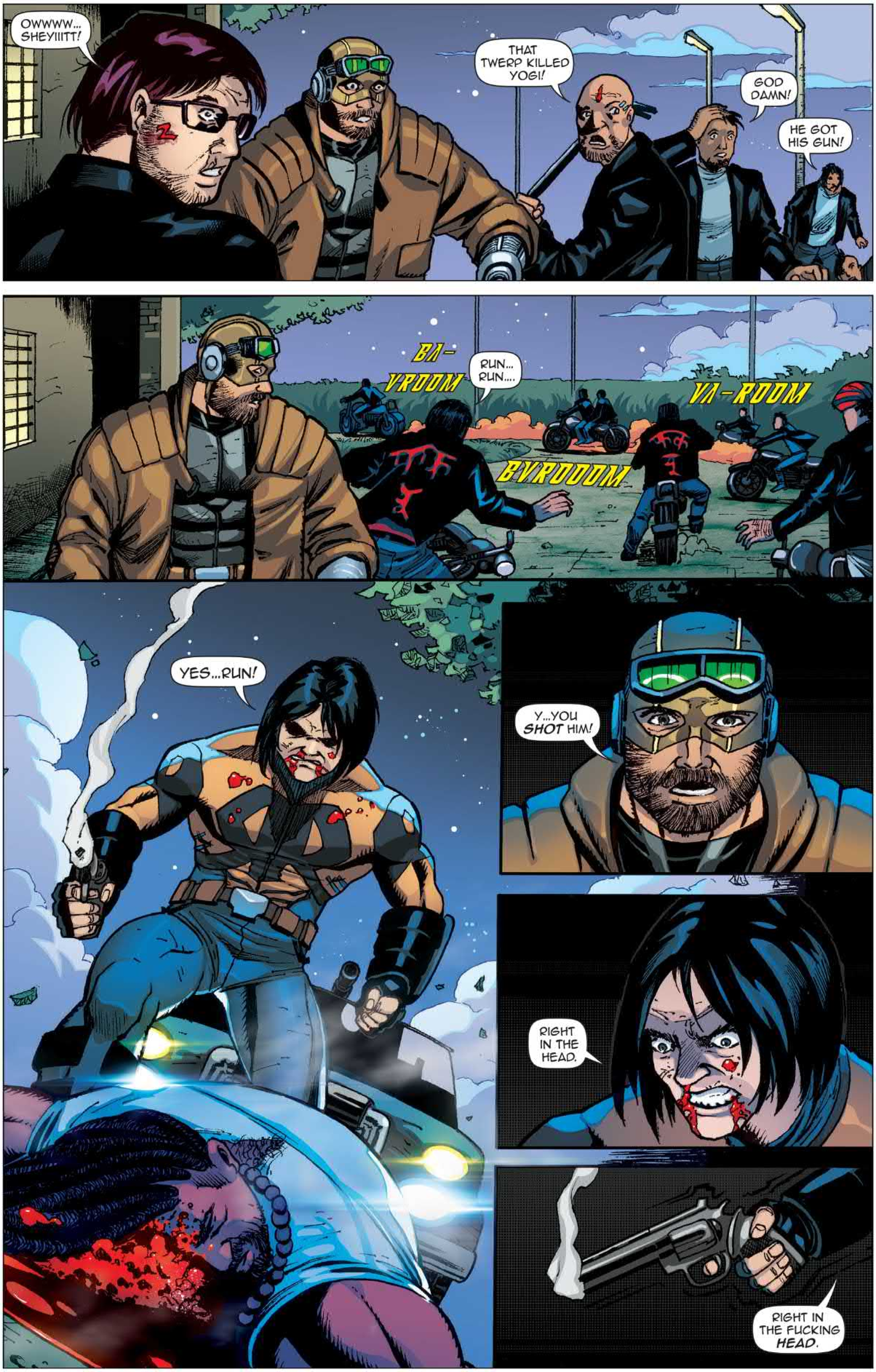

DAMN-IT...THINGS ARE GOING SOUTH FOR MANAV.
THE KID IS ON A *DEATH WISH.*
AND I AM *STUCK* WITH THESE IDIOTS.
THEY ARE TRYING TO OVERWHELM ME WITH SHEER NUMBERS.
DON'T ENGAGE HIM...*RETREAT!*
IN YOUR DREAMS OLD MAN. THIS BEEF BAG IS *MINE!*
THAT'S A *DIRECT* ORDER...
DON'T ENGAGE THE HOSTILE.

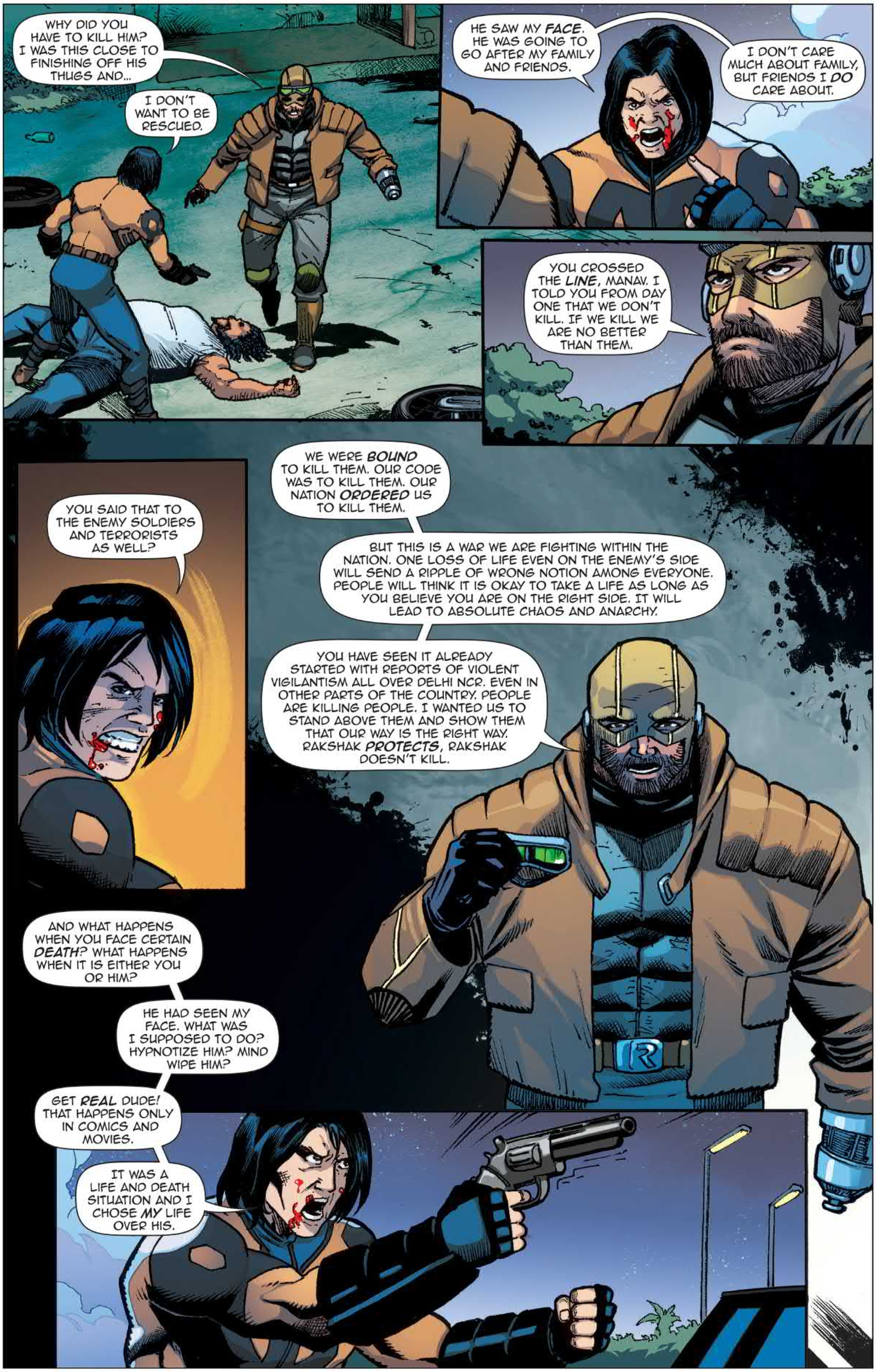

WHA-DOKK
YOU DON'T WANNA PLAY FAIR, AIN'T IT YOU SNEAKY FUCK?
SFSSS
WHATEVER IT TAKES I'M BRINGING YOU DOWN.
HAH!
IT'LL TAKE A LOT MORE...
HUKK...
...THAN A LITTLE SQUIRT...
...WHO HAS SEEN TOO MANY SUPERHERO MOVIES!
GNNNHH...

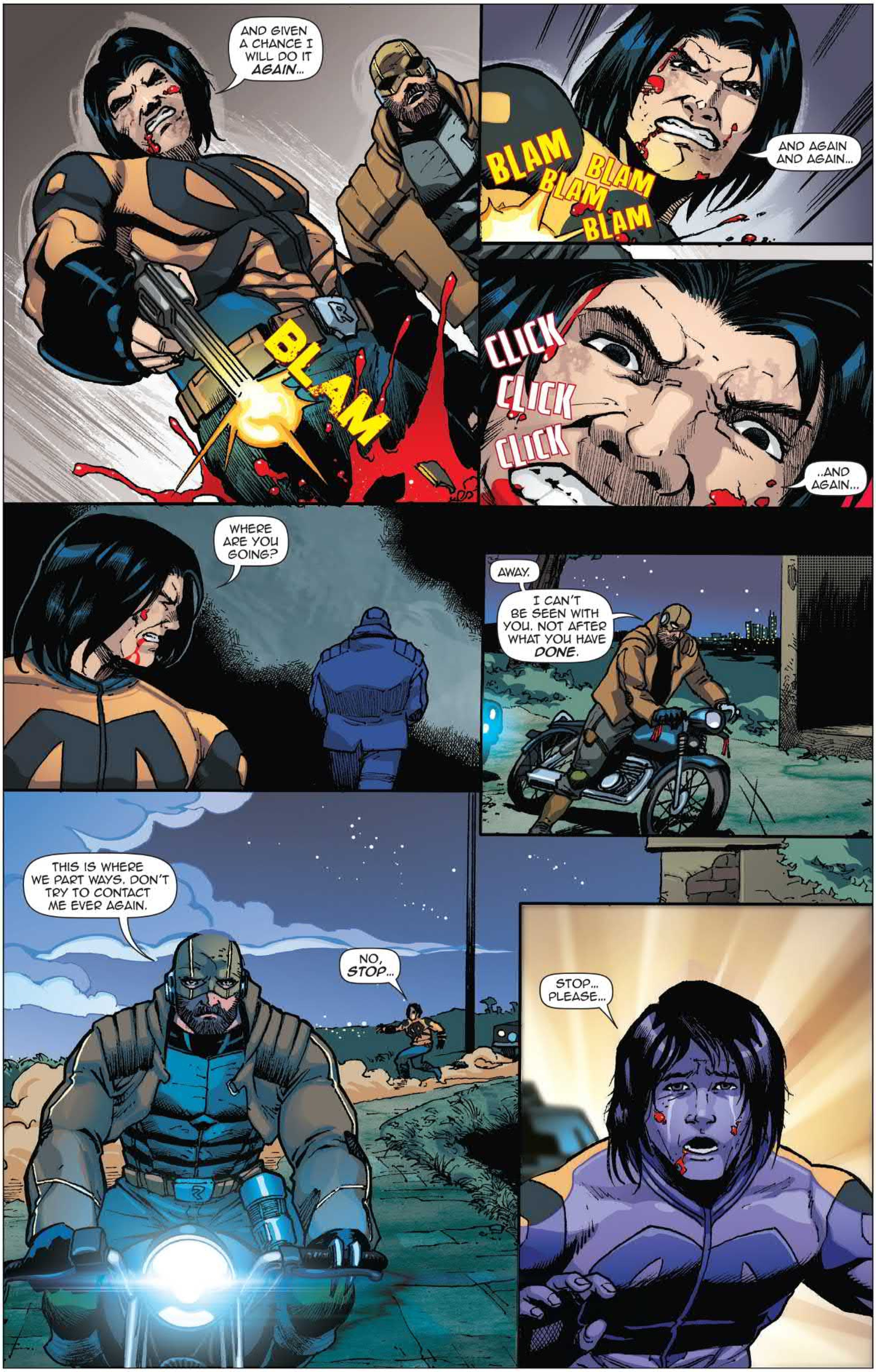

NOW LET'S FIRST RIP OFF YOUR **MASK**...
THWANK
BEFORE I RIP OFF YOUR **FACE**!
YOU? I **REMEMBER** YOU!
RICH BRAT WITH THE HOT GIRLFRIEND!
YOU MADE A BIIIIG MISTAKE, SONNY!
KKKK...
YOU DON'T HUNT THE WOLF... THE WOLF HUNTS YOU.
IF YOU HAVE ANY FINAL PRAYERS SAY THEM NOW.

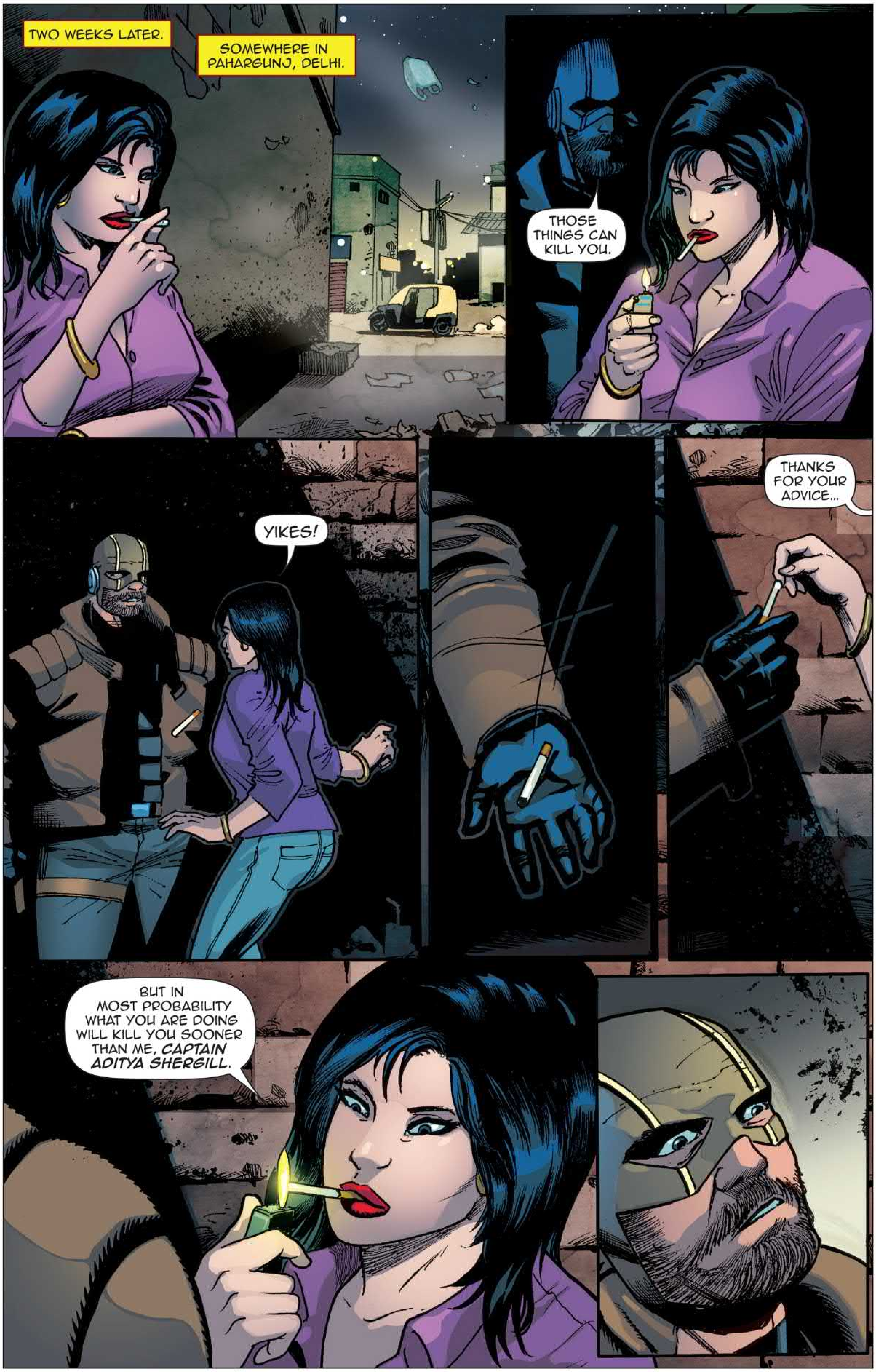

RAKSHAK!
AS YOU CHOKE, YOU CAN SEE MY BOYS CARVE YOUR FRIEND UP.
GGKKKK
YEEEAAARGHH!
HANG ON!
WHUDD
FIRST, LET'S RATTLE THAT LITTLE BRAIN OF YOURS SO THAT YOU KNOW EVERY WORD I SAY, I REALLY *DO* MEAN IT.
THPPU
UNFFF
I WILL BEGIN WITH KILLING YOU AND YOUR FRIEND RIGHT HERE AND HANG YOU BY YOUR ENTRAILS.
THEN I AM GOING TO FIND BOTH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. I WILL KILL THEM ONE BY ONE.
I WILL DECLARE THEY DIED BECAUSE THEY WERE RELATED TO THESE DEAD JOKERS WHO CALLED THEMSELVES ***RAKSHAK***. I WILL MAKE AN EXAMPLE OUT OF YOU. NO ONE WILL ***DARE*** CALL THEMSELVES RAKSHAK ANYMORE.
>HKKK... KGHH...<
AND I WILL RAPE YOUR HOT LITTLE GIRLFRIEND AND MAKE A VIDEO OUT OF IT BEFORE I KILL HER. I WILL PUT IT ON PORN SITES.
AND TITLE WILL BE 'RAPE OF RAKSHAK'S GIRLFRIEND.' ***HA HA HA...***
NOT CREATIVE ENOUGH BUT SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE. RAPING A ***SUPERHERO'S*** GIRLFRIEND ON WORLD WIDE...

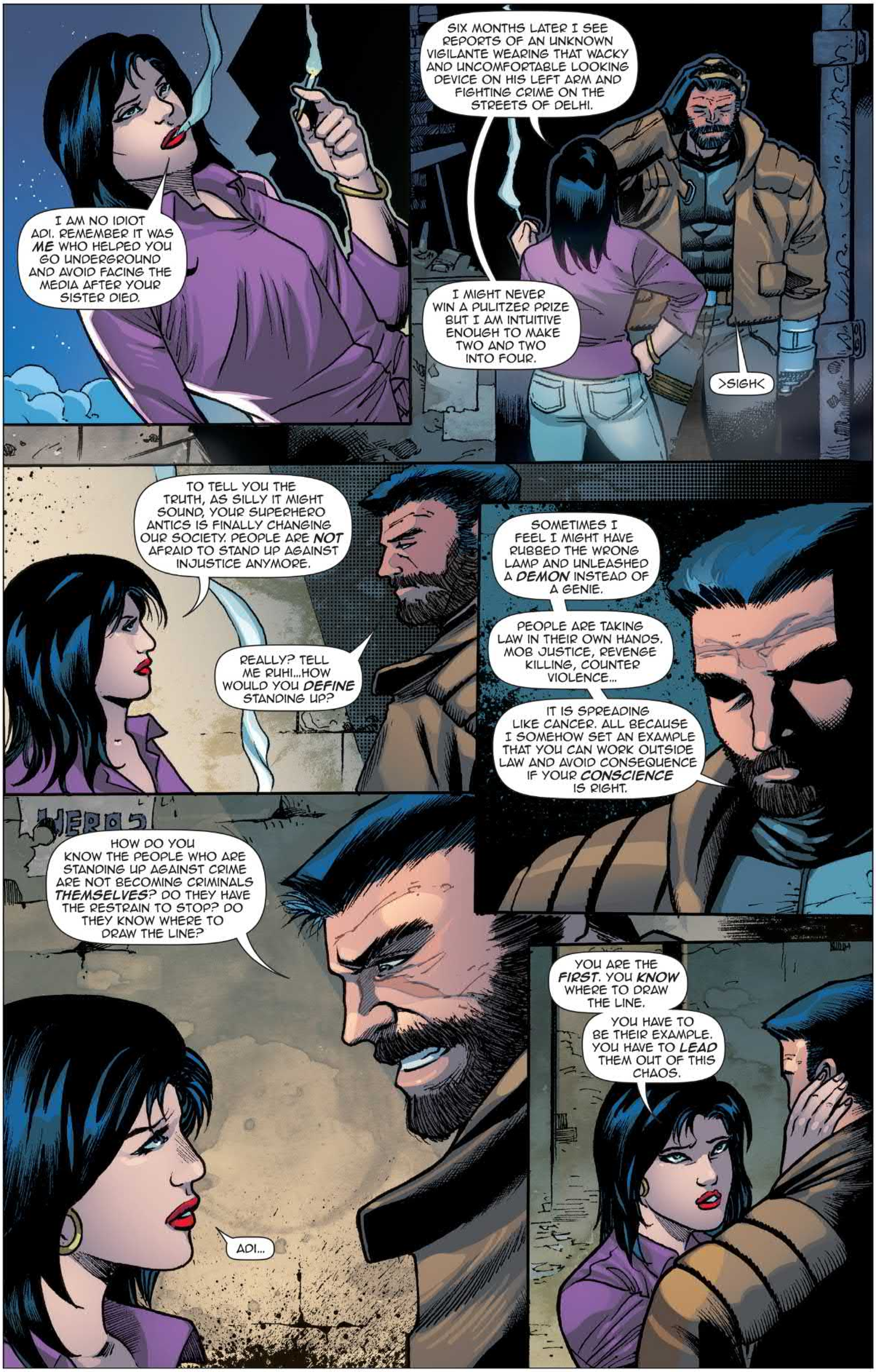

...WEBBB....
CLICK
YEEEEAAARGH!
BLAKAMM

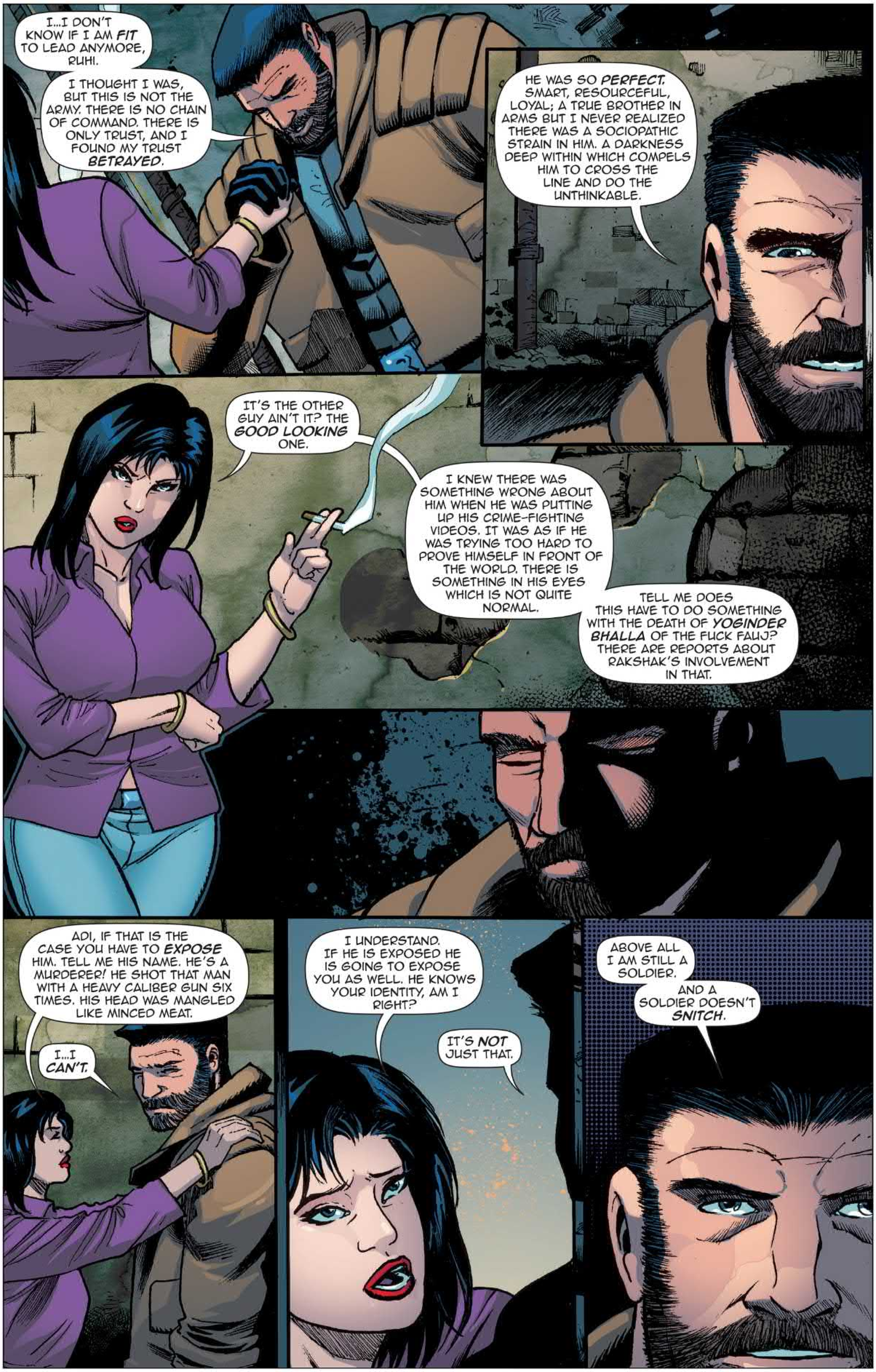

OWWWW... SHEYIIITT!
THAT TWERP KILLED YOGI!
GOD DAMN!
HE GOT HIS GUN!
BA-VROOM
RUN... RUN....
BVROOOM
VA-ROOM
YES...RUN!
Y...YOU *SHOT* HIM!
RIGHT IN THE HEAD.
RIGHT IN THE FUCKING *HEAD*.

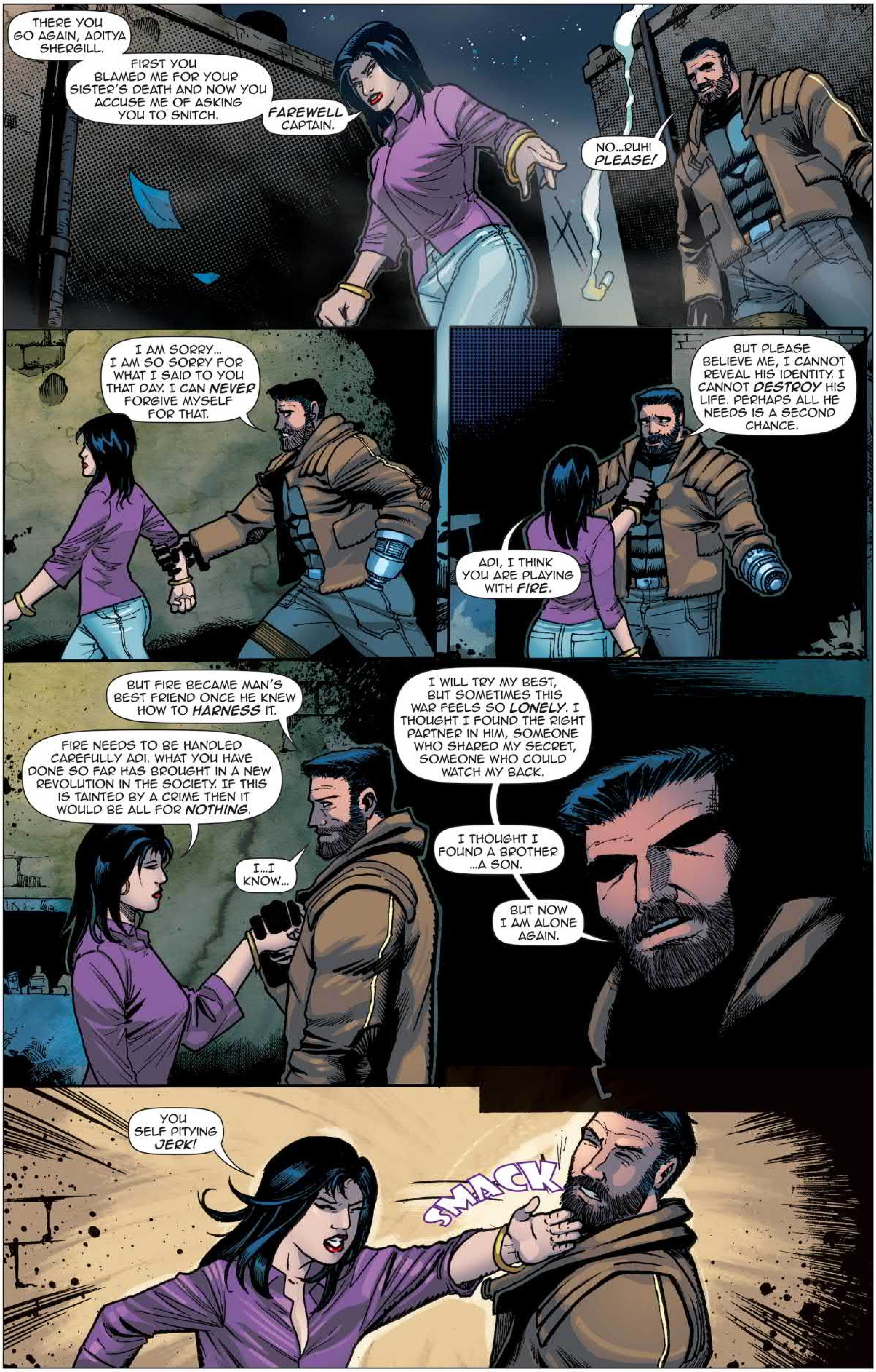

WHY DID YOU HAVE TO KILL HIM? I WAS THIS CLOSE TO FINISHING OFF HIS THUGS AND...
I DON'T WANT TO BE RESCUED.
HE SAW MY *FACE*. HE WAS GOING TO GO AFTER MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
I DON'T CARE MUCH ABOUT FAMILY, BUT FRIENDS I *DO* CARE ABOUT.
YOU CROSSED THE *LINE*, MANAV. I TOLD YOU FROM DAY ONE THAT WE DON'T KILL. IF WE KILL WE ARE NO BETTER THAN THEM.
YOU SAID THAT TO THE ENEMY SOLDIERS AND TERRORISTS AS WELL?
WE WERE *BOUND* TO KILL THEM. OUR CODE WAS TO KILL THEM. OUR NATION *ORDERED* US TO KILL THEM.
BUT THIS IS A WAR WE ARE FIGHTING WITHIN THE NATION. ONE LOSS OF LIFE EVEN ON THE ENEMY'S SIDE WILL SEND A RIPPLE OF WRONG NOTION AMONG EVERYONE. PEOPLE WILL THINK IT IS OKAY TO TAKE A LIFE AS LONG AS YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE ON THE RIGHT SIDE. IT WILL LEAD TO ABSOLUTE CHAOS AND ANARCHY.
YOU HAVE SEEN IT ALREADY STARTED WITH REPORTS OF VIOLENT VIGILANTISM ALL OVER DELHI NCR. EVEN IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. PEOPLE ARE KILLING PEOPLE. I WANTED US TO STAND ABOVE THEM AND SHOW THEM THAT OUR WAY IS THE RIGHT WAY. RAKSHAK *PROTECTS*, RAKSHAK DOESN'T KILL.
AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FACE CERTAIN *DEATH*? WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IT IS EITHER YOU OR HIM?
HE HAD SEEN MY FACE. WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO? HYPNOTIZE HIM? MIND WIPE HIM?
GET *REAL* DUDE! THAT HAPPENS ONLY IN COMICS AND MOVIES.
IT WAS A LIFE AND DEATH SITUATION AND I CHOSE *MY* LIFE OVER HIS.

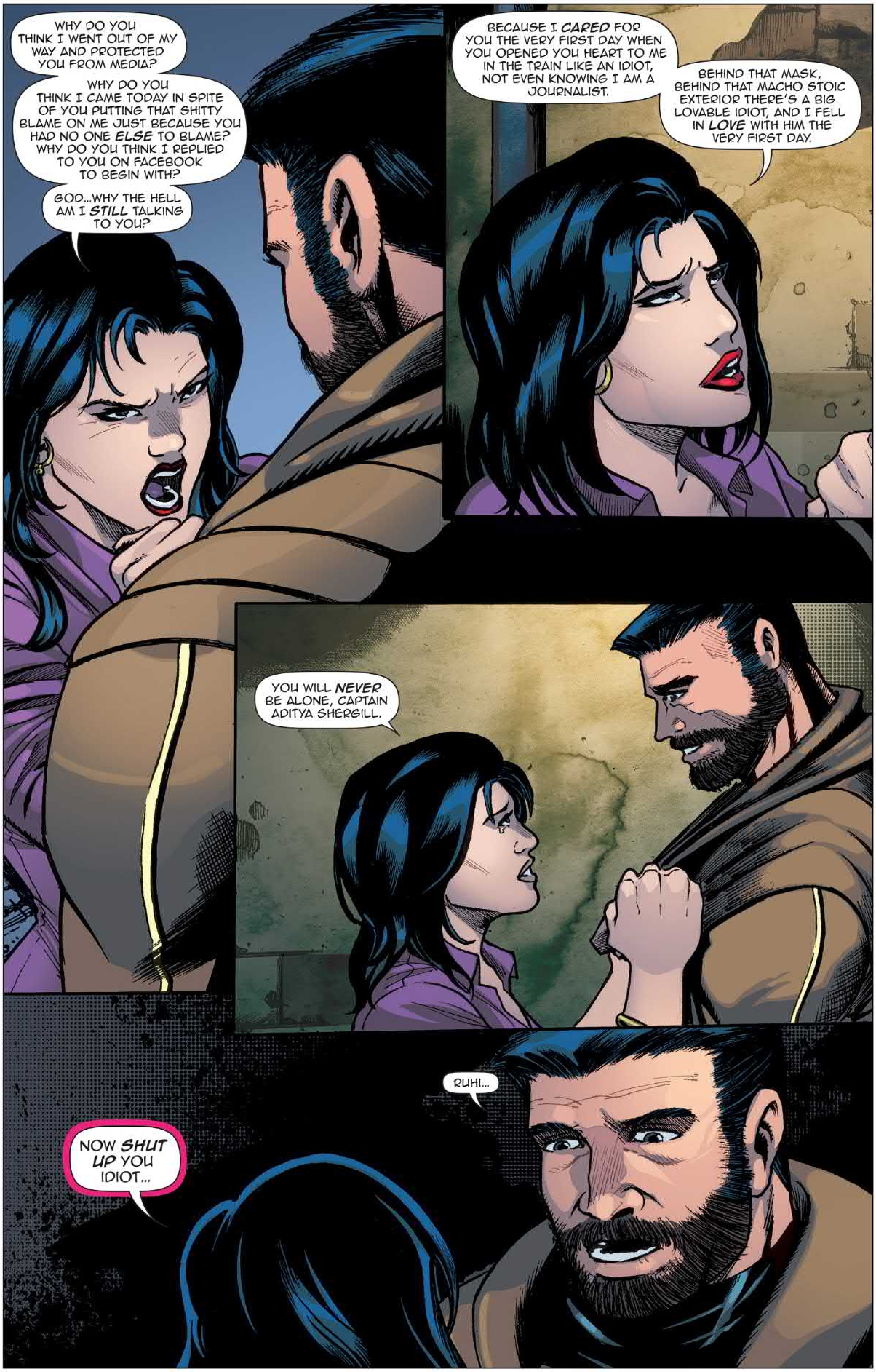

AND GIVEN A CHANCE I WILL DO IT *AGAIN*...
BLAM
BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM
AND AGAIN AND AGAIN...
CLICK CLICK CLICK
..AND AGAIN...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
AWAY.
I CAN'T BE SEEN WITH YOU. NOT AFTER WHAT YOU HAVE *DONE*.
THIS IS WHERE WE PART WAYS. DON'T TRY TO CONTACT ME EVER AGAIN.
NO, *STOP*...
STOP... PLEASE...

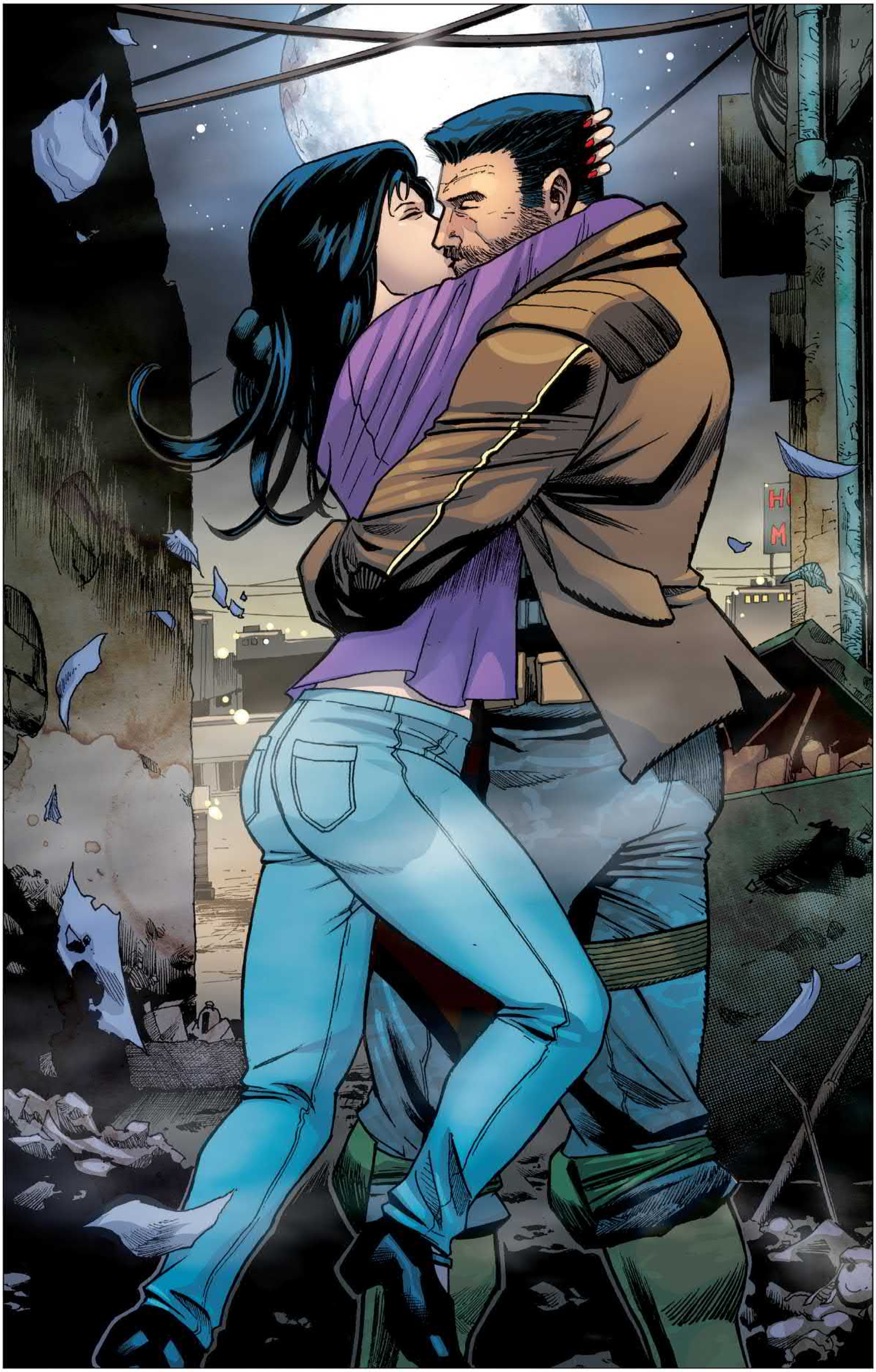

TWO WEEKS LATER.
SOMEWHERE IN PAHARGUNJ, DELHI.
THOSE THINGS CAN KILL YOU.
YIKES!
THANKS FOR YOUR ADVICE...
BUT IN MOST PROBABILITY WHAT YOU ARE DOING WILL KILL YOU SOONER THAN ME, *CAPTAIN ADITYA SHERGILL*.


I AM NO IDIOT ADI. REMEMBER IT WAS *ME* WHO HELPED YOU GO UNDERGROUND AND AVOID FACING THE MEDIA AFTER YOUR SISTER DIED.
SIX MONTHS LATER I SEE REPORTS OF AN UNKNOWN VIGILANTE WEARING THAT WACKY AND UNCOMFORTABLE LOOKING DEVICE ON HIS LEFT ARM AND FIGHTING CRIME ON THE STREETS OF DELHI.
I MIGHT NEVER WIN A PULITZER PRIZE BUT I AM INTUITIVE ENOUGH TO MAKE TWO AND TWO INTO FOUR.
>SIGH<
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, AS SILLY IT MIGHT SOUND, YOUR SUPERHERO ANTICS IS FINALLY CHANGING OUR SOCIETY. PEOPLE ARE *NOT* AFRAID TO STAND UP AGAINST INJUSTICE ANYMORE.
REALLY? TELL ME RUHI...HOW WOULD YOU *DEFINE* STANDING UP?
SOMETIMES I FEEL I MIGHT HAVE RUBBED THE WRONG LAMP AND UNLEASHED A *DEMON* INSTEAD OF A GENIE.
PEOPLE ARE TAKING LAW IN THEIR OWN HANDS. MOB JUSTICE, REVENGE KILLING, COUNTER VIOLENCE...
IT IS SPREADING LIKE CANCER. ALL BECAUSE I SOMEHOW SET AN EXAMPLE THAT YOU CAN WORK OUTSIDE LAW AND AVOID CONSEQUENCE IF YOUR *CONSCIENCE* IS RIGHT.
HOW DO YOU KNOW THE PEOPLE WHO ARE STANDING UP AGAINST CRIME ARE NOT BECOMING CRIMINALS *THEMSELVES*? DO THEY HAVE THE RESTRAIN TO STOP? DO THEY KNOW WHERE TO DRAW THE LINE?
ADI...
YOU ARE THE *FIRST*. YOU *KNOW* WHERE TO DRAW THE LINE.
YOU HAVE TO BE THEIR EXAMPLE. YOU HAVE TO *LEAD* THEM OUT OF THIS CHAOS.


I...I DON'T KNOW IF I AM *FIT* TO LEAD ANYMORE, RUHI.
I THOUGHT I WAS, BUT THIS IS NOT THE ARMY. THERE IS NO CHAIN OF COMMAND. THERE IS ONLY TRUST, AND I FOUND MY TRUST *BETRAYED*.
HE WAS SO *PERFECT.* SMART, RESOURCEFUL, LOYAL; A TRUE BROTHER IN ARMS BUT I NEVER REALIZED THERE WAS A SOCIOPATHIC STRAIN IN HIM. A DARKNESS DEEP WITHIN WHICH COMPELS HIM TO CROSS THE LINE AND DO THE UNTHINKABLE.
IT'S THE OTHER GUY AIN'T IT? THE *GOOD LOOKING* ONE.
I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG ABOUT HIM WHEN HE WAS PUTTING UP HIS CRIME-FIGHTING VIDEOS. IT WAS AS IF HE WAS TRYING TOO HARD TO PROVE HIMSELF IN FRONT OF THE WORLD. THERE IS SOMETHING IN HIS EYES WHICH IS NOT QUITE NORMAL.
TELL ME DOES THIS HAVE TO DO SOMETHING WITH THE DEATH OF *YOGINDER BHALLA* OF THE FUCK FAUJ? THERE ARE REPORTS ABOUT RAKSHAK'S INVOLVEMENT IN THAT.
ADI, IF THAT IS THE CASE YOU HAVE TO *EXPOSE* HIM. TELL ME HIS NAME. HE'S A MURDERER! HE SHOT THAT MAN WITH A HEAVY CALIBER GUN SIX TIMES. HIS HEAD WAS MANGLED LIKE MINCED MEAT.
I...I *CAN'T.*
I UNDERSTAND. IF HE IS EXPOSED HE IS GOING TO EXPOSE YOU AS WELL. HE KNOWS YOUR IDENTITY, AM I RIGHT?
IT'S *NOT* JUST THAT.
ABOVE ALL I AM STILL A SOLDIER.
AND A SOLDIER DOESN'T *SNITCH*.


THERE YOU GO AGAIN, ADITYA SHERGILL.
FIRST YOU BLAMED ME FOR YOUR SISTER'S DEATH AND NOW YOU ACCUSE ME OF ASKING YOU TO SNITCH.
FAREWELL CAPTAIN.
NO...RUH! *PLEASE!*
I AM SORRY... I AM SO SORRY FOR WHAT I SAID TO YOU THAT DAY. I CAN *NEVER* FORGIVE MYSELF FOR THAT.
BUT PLEASE BELIEVE ME, I CANNOT REVEAL HIS IDENTITY. I CANNOT *DESTROY* HIS LIFE. PERHAPS ALL HE NEEDS IS A SECOND CHANCE.
ADI, I THINK YOU ARE PLAYING WITH *FIRE*.
BUT FIRE BECAME MAN'S BEST FRIEND ONCE HE KNEW HOW TO *HARNESS* IT.
FIRE NEEDS TO BE HANDLED CAREFULLY ADI. WHAT YOU HAVE DONE SO FAR HAS BROUGHT IN A NEW REVOLUTION IN THE SOCIETY. IF THIS IS TAINTED BY A CRIME THEN IT WOULD BE ALL FOR *NOTHING*.
I...I KNOW...
I WILL TRY MY BEST, BUT SOMETIMES THIS WAR FEELS SO *LONELY*. I THOUGHT I FOUND THE RIGHT PARTNER IN HIM, SOMEONE WHO SHARED MY SECRET, SOMEONE WHO COULD WATCH MY BACK.
I THOUGHT I FOUND A BROTHER ...A SON.
BUT NOW I AM ALONE AGAIN.
YOU SELF PITYING *JERK!*
SMACK


WHY DO YOU THINK I WENT OUT OF MY WAY AND PROTECTED YOU FROM MEDIA?
WHY DO YOU THINK I CAME TODAY IN SPITE OF YOU PUTTING THAT SHITTY BLAME ON ME JUST BECAUSE YOU HAD NO ONE ***ELSE*** TO BLAME? WHY DO YOU THINK I REPLIED TO YOU ON FACEBOOK TO BEGIN WITH?
GOD...WHY THE HELL AM I ***STILL*** TALKING TO YOU?
BECAUSE I ***CARED*** FOR YOU THE VERY FIRST DAY WHEN YOU OPENED YOU HEART TO ME IN THE TRAIN LIKE AN IDIOT, NOT EVEN KNOWING I AM A JOURNALIST.
BEHIND THAT MASK, BEHIND THAT MACHO STOIC EXTERIOR THERE'S A BIG LOVABLE IDIOT, AND I FELL IN ***LOVE*** WITH HIM THE VERY FIRST DAY.
YOU WILL ***NEVER*** BE ALONE, CAPTAIN ADITYA SHERGILL.
RUHI...
NOW ***SHUT UP*** YOU IDIOT...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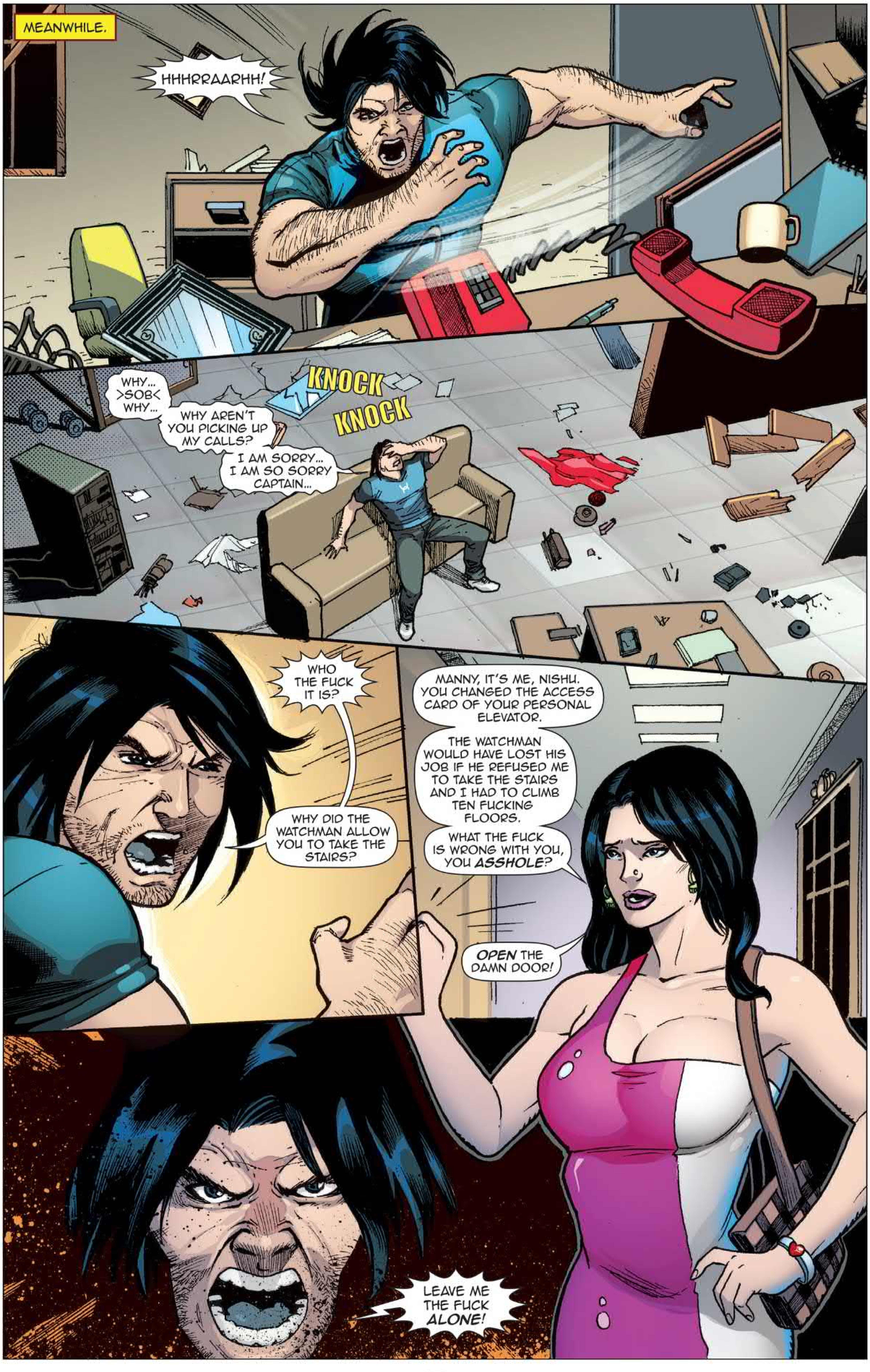
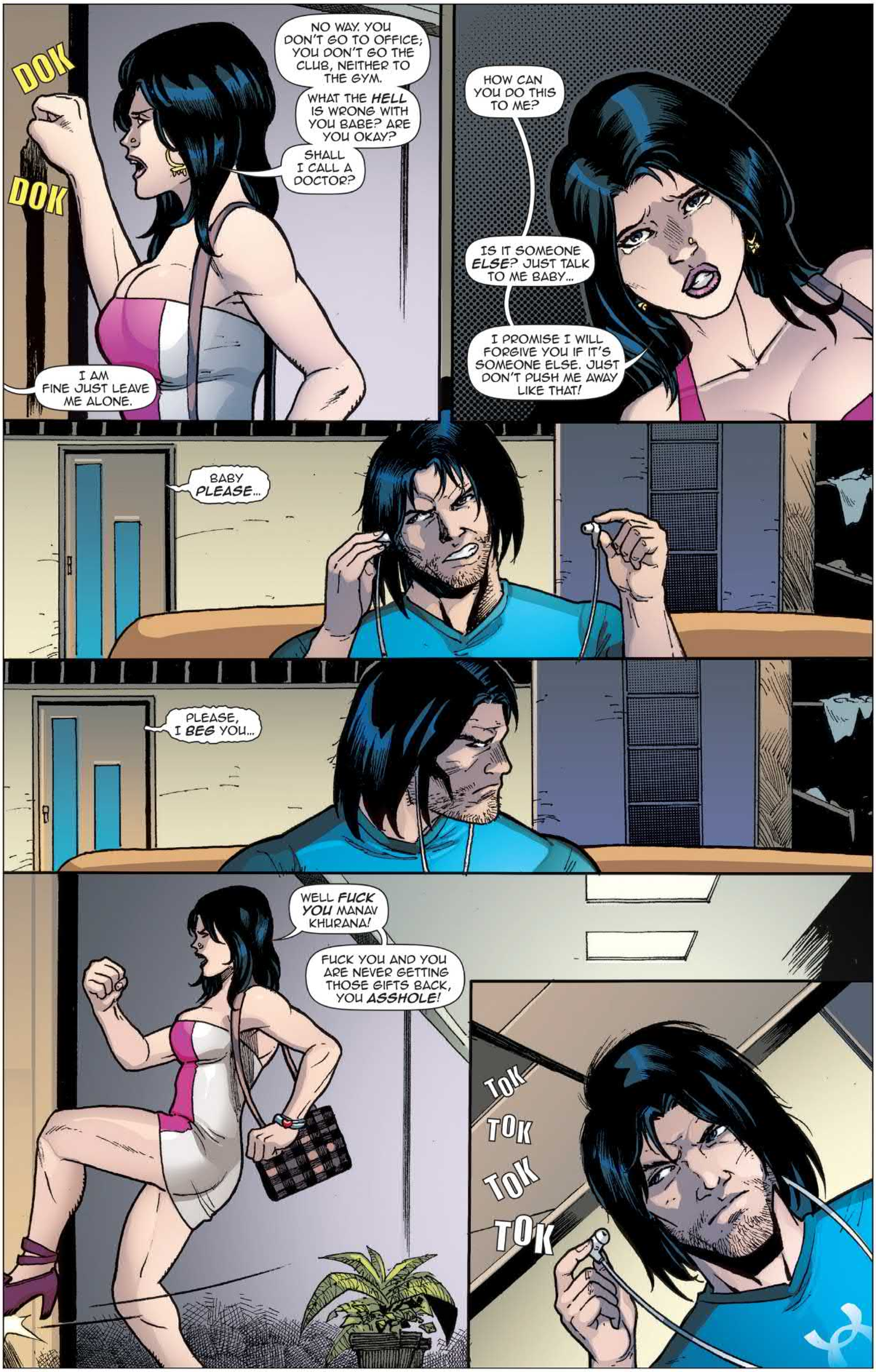
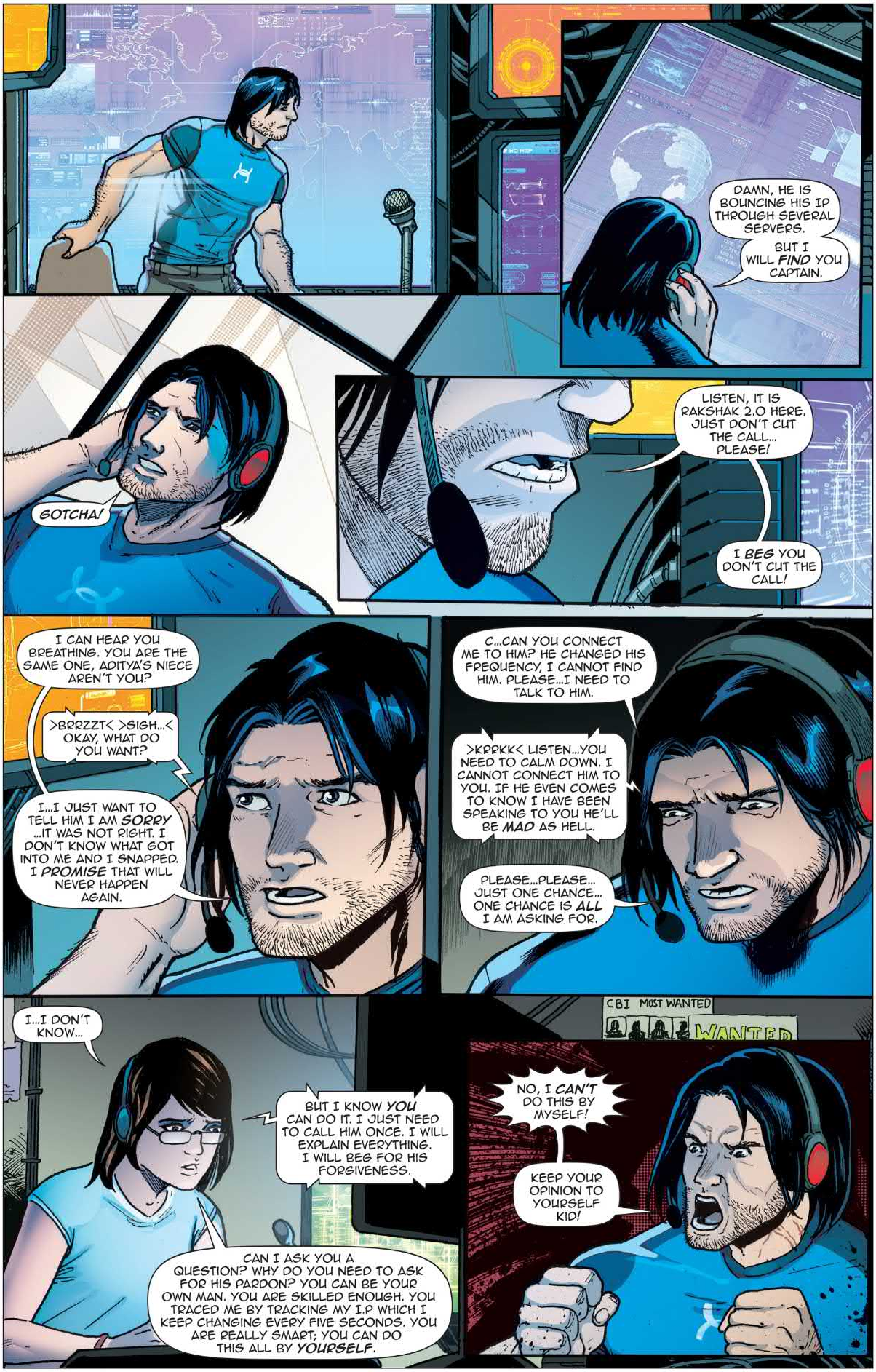
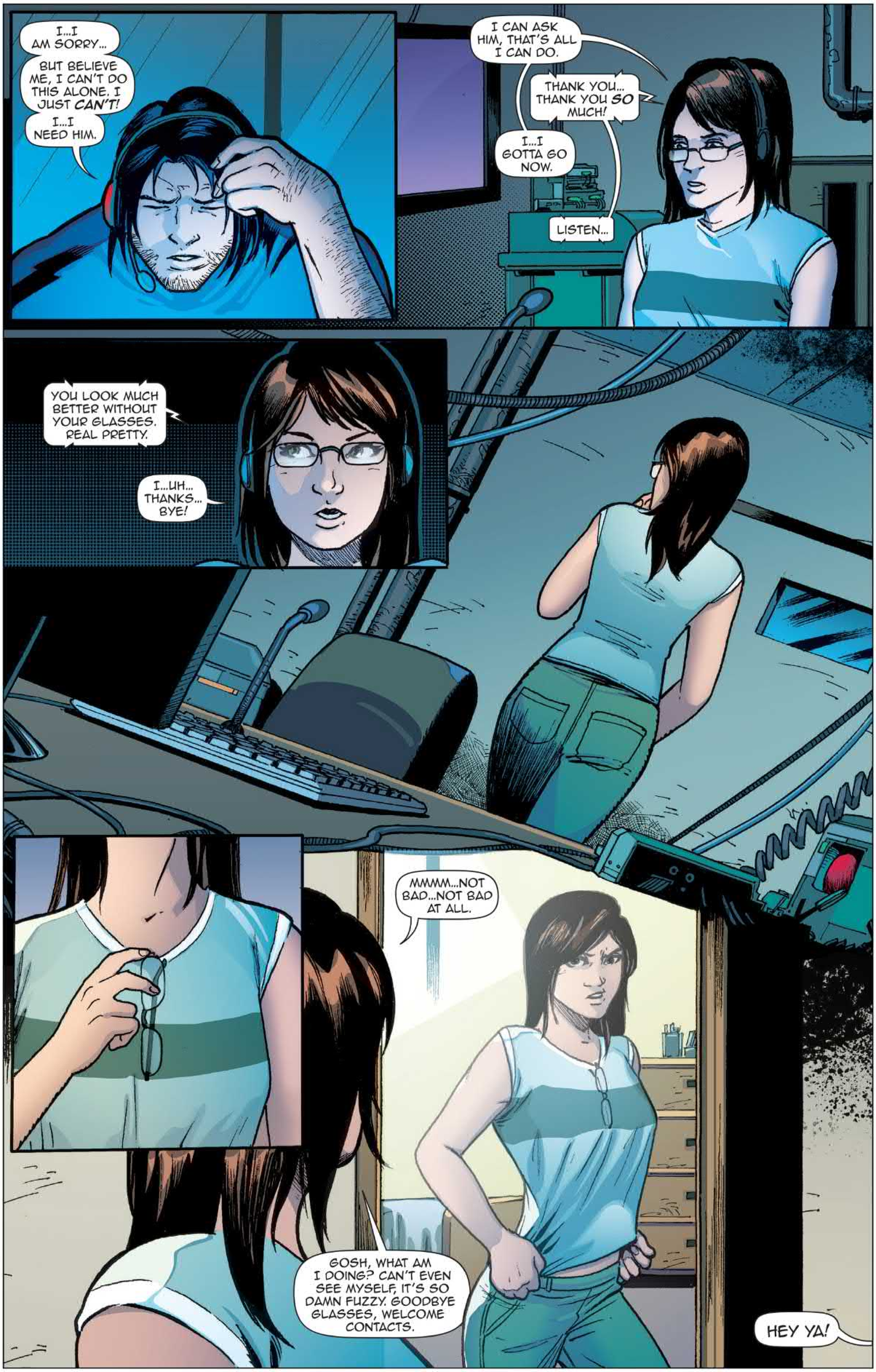
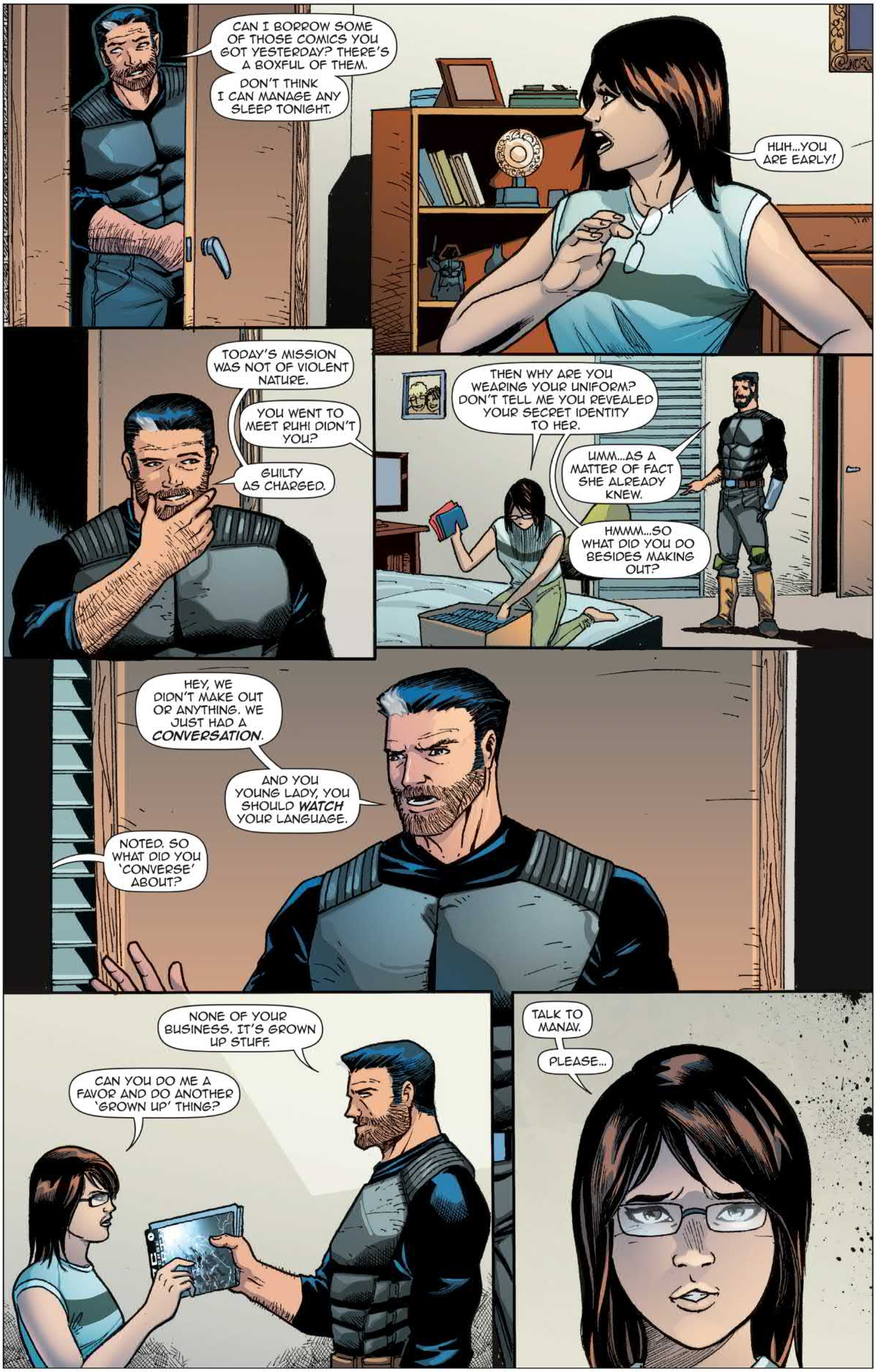
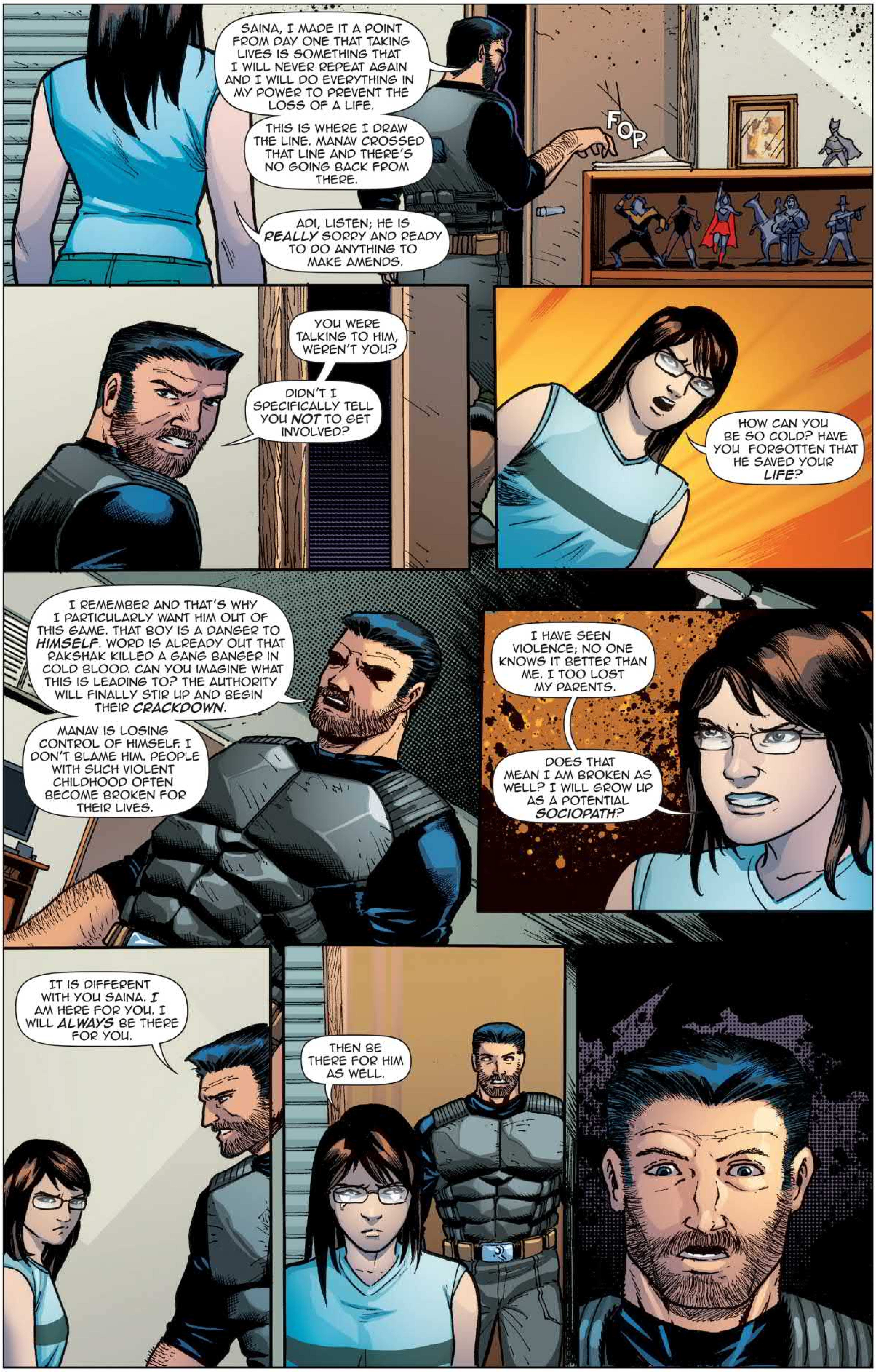

MEANWHILE.
HHHRRAARHH!
KNOCK
KNOCK
WHY... >SOB< WHY...
WHY AREN'T YOU PICKING UP MY CALLS?
I AM SORRY... I AM SO SORRY CAPTAIN...
WHO THE FUCK IT IS?
WHY DID THE WATCHMAN ALLOW YOU TO TAKE THE STAIRS?
MANNY, IT'S ME, NISHU. YOU CHANGED THE ACCESS CARD OF YOUR PERSONAL ELEVATOR.
THE WATCHMAN WOULD HAVE LOST HIS JOB IF HE REFUSED ME TO TAKE THE STAIRS AND I HAD TO CLIMB TEN FUCKING FLOORS.
WHAT THE FUCK IS WRONG WITH YOU, YOU ASSHOLE?
OPEN THE DAMN DOOR!
LEAVE ME THE FUCK ALONE!

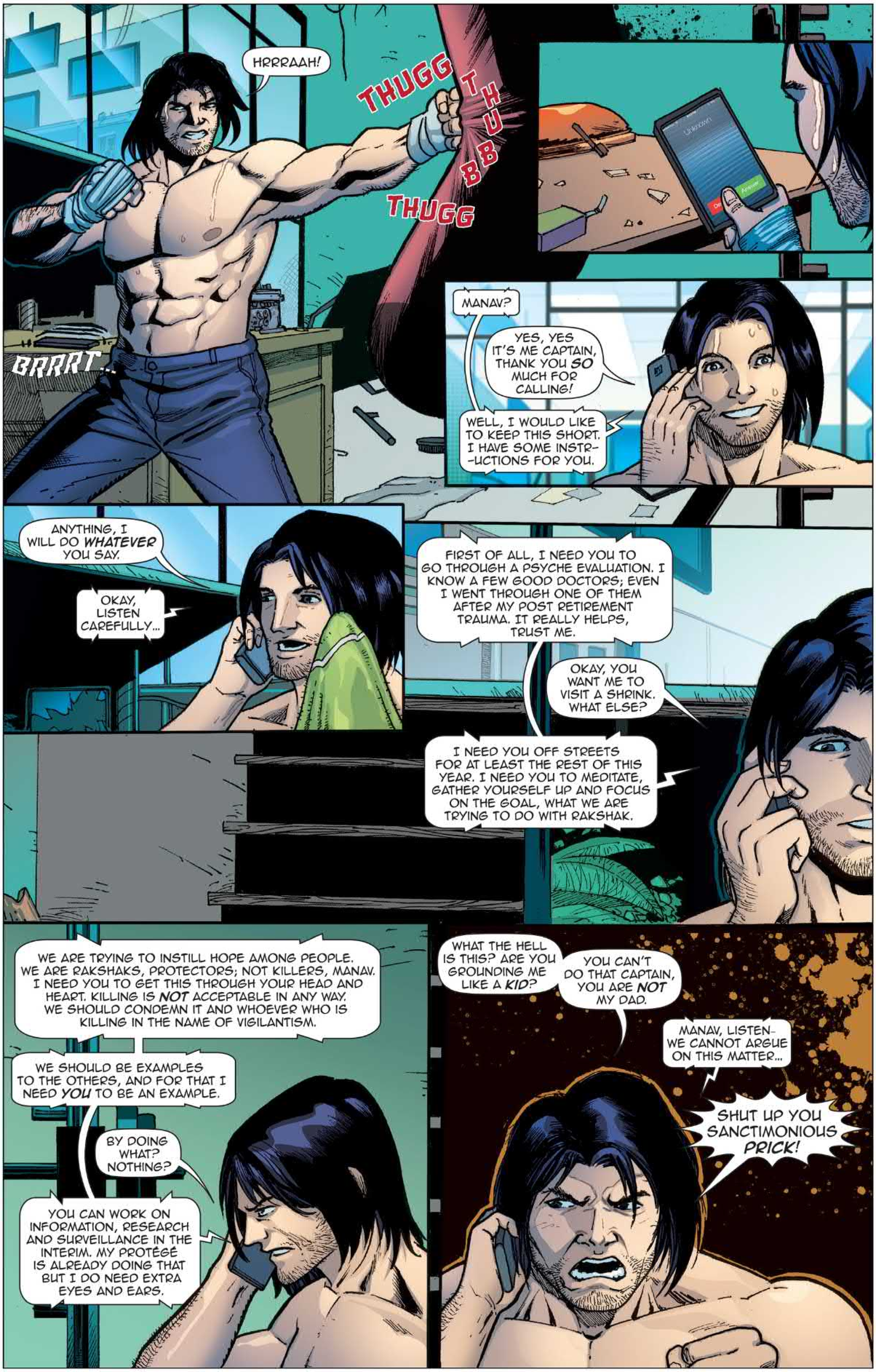

DOK
DOK
NO WAY. YOU DON'T GO TO OFFICE; YOU DON'T GO THE CLUB, NEITHER TO THE GYM.
WHAT THE **HELL** IS WRONG WITH YOU BABE? ARE YOU OKAY?
SHALL I CALL A DOCTOR?
I AM FINE JUST LEAVE ME ALONE.
HOW CAN YOU DO THIS TO ME?
IS IT SOMEONE **ELSE**? JUST TALK TO ME BABY...
I PROMISE I WILL FORGIVE YOU IF IT'S SOMEONE ELSE. JUST DON'T PUSH ME AWAY LIKE THAT!
BABY **PLEASE**...
PLEASE, I **BEG** YOU...
WELL **FUCK YOU** MANAV KHURANA!
FUCK YOU AND YOU ARE NEVER GETTING THOSE GIFTS BACK, YOU **ASSHOLE**!
TOK
TOK
TOK
TOK

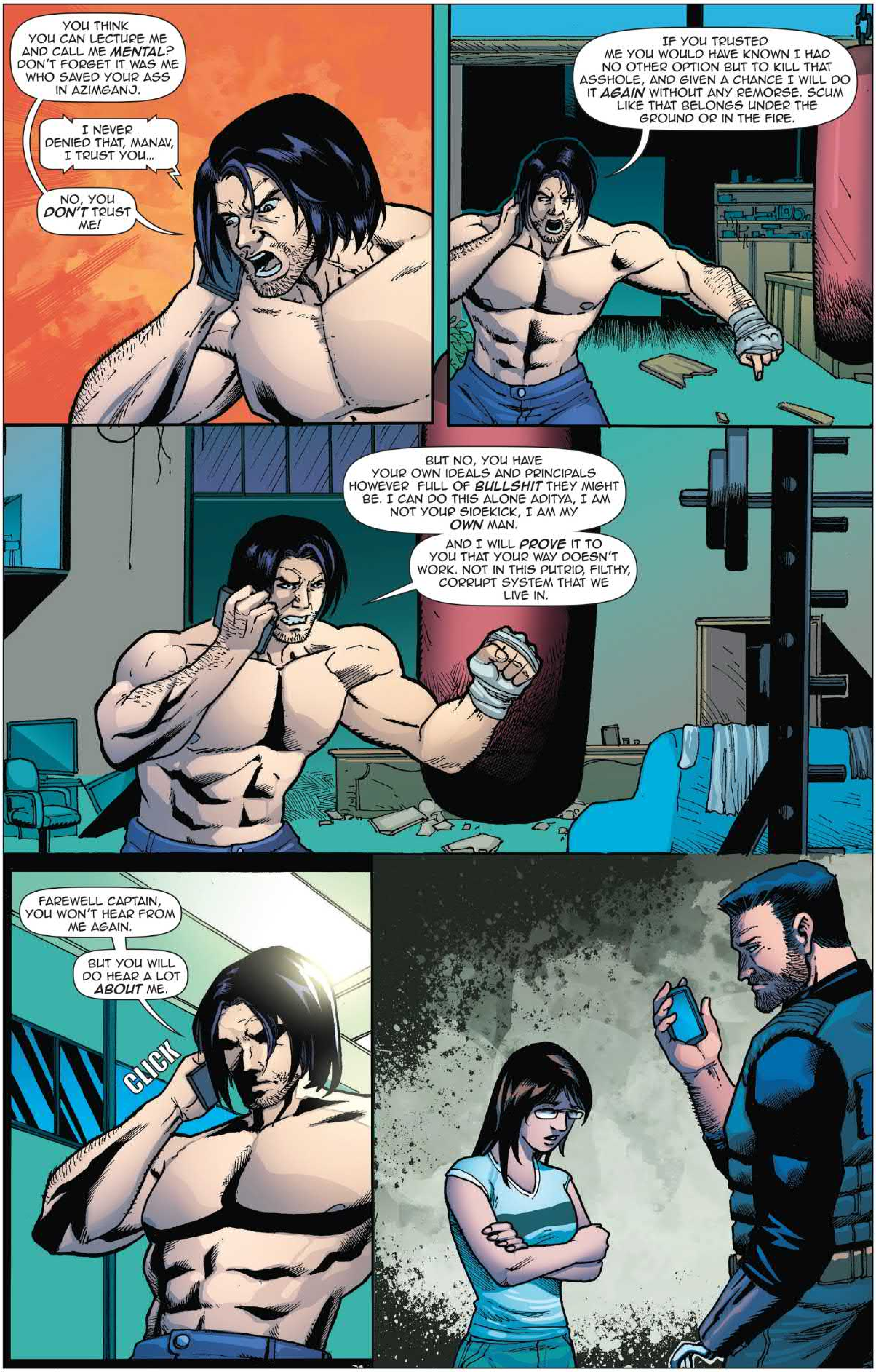

DAMN, HE IS BOUNCING HIS IP THROUGH SEVERAL SERVERS.
BUT I WILL *FIND* YOU CAPTAIN.
GOTCHA!
LISTEN, IT IS RAKSHAK 2.O HERE. JUST DON'T CUT THE CALL... PLEASE!
I *BEG* YOU DON'T CUT THE CALL!
I CAN HEAR YOU BREATHING. YOU ARE THE SAME ONE, ADITYA'S NIECE AREN'T YOU?
>BRRZZT< >SIGH...< OKAY, WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I...I JUST WANT TO TELL HIM I AM *SORRY* ...IT WAS NOT RIGHT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT GOT INTO ME AND I SNAPPED. I *PROMISE* THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.
C...CAN YOU CONNECT ME TO HIM? HE CHANGED HIS FREQUENCY, I CANNOT FIND HIM. PLEASE...I NEED TO TALK TO HIM.
>KRRKK< LISTEN...YOU NEED TO CALM DOWN. I CANNOT CONNECT HIM TO YOU. IF HE EVEN COMES TO KNOW I HAVE BEEN SPEAKING TO YOU HE'LL BE *MAD* AS HELL.
PLEASE...PLEASE... JUST ONE CHANCE... ONE CHANCE IS *ALL* I AM ASKING FOR.
I...I DON'T KNOW...
BUT I KNOW *YOU* CAN DO IT. I JUST NEED TO CALL HIM ONCE. I WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING. I WILL BEG FOR HIS FORGIVENESS.
CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION? WHY DO YOU NEED TO ASK FOR HIS PARDON? YOU CAN BE YOUR OWN MAN. YOU ARE SKILLED ENOUGH. YOU TRACED ME BY TRACKING MY I.P WHICH I KEEP CHANGING EVERY FIVE SECONDS. YOU ARE REALLY SMART; YOU CAN DO THIS ALL BY *YOURSELF*.
CBI MOST WANTED
WANTED
NO, I *CAN'T* DO THIS BY MYSELF!
KEEP YOUR OPINION TO YOURSELF KID!


I...I AM SORRY...
BUT BELIEVE ME, I CAN'T DO THIS ALONE. I JUST *CAN'T*!
I...I NEED HIM.
I CAN ASK HIM, THAT'S ALL I CAN DO.
THANK YOU... THANK YOU *SO* MUCH!
I...I GOTTA GO NOW.
LISTEN...
YOU LOOK MUCH BETTER WITHOUT YOUR GLASSES. REAL PRETTY.
I...UH... THANKS... BYE!
MMMM...NOT BAD...NOT BAD AT ALL.
GOSH, WHAT AM I DOING? CAN'T EVEN SEE MYSELF, IT'S SO DAMN FUZZY. GOODBYE GLASSES, WELCOME CONTACTS.
HEY YA!


CAN I BORROW SOME OF THOSE COMICS YOU GOT YESTERDAY? THERE'S A BOXFUL OF THEM.
DON'T THINK I CAN MANAGE ANY SLEEP TONIGHT.
HUH...YOU ARE EARLY!
TODAY'S MISSION WAS NOT OF VIOLENT NATURE.
YOU WENT TO MEET RUHI DIDN'T YOU?
GUILTY AS CHARGED.
THEN WHY ARE YOU WEARING YOUR UNIFORM? DON'T TELL ME YOU REVEALED YOUR SECRET IDENTITY TO HER.
UMM...AS A MATTER OF FACT SHE ALREADY KNEW.
HMMM...SO WHAT DID YOU DO BESIDES MAKING OUT?
HEY, WE DIDN'T MAKE OUT OR ANYTHING. WE JUST HAD A ***CONVERSATION***.
AND YOU YOUNG LADY, YOU SHOULD ***WATCH*** YOUR LANGUAGE.
NOTED. SO WHAT DID YOU 'CONVERSE' ABOUT?
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS. IT'S GROWN UP STUFF.
CAN YOU DO ME A FAVOR AND DO ANOTHER 'GROWN UP' THING?
TALK TO MANAV.
PLEASE...


SAINA, I MADE IT A POINT FROM DAY ONE THAT TAKING LIVES IS SOMETHING THAT I WILL NEVER REPEAT AGAIN AND I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO PREVENT THE LOSS OF A LIFE.
THIS IS WHERE I DRAW THE LINE. MANAV CROSSED THAT LINE AND THERE'S NO GOING BACK FROM THERE.
FOP
ADI, LISTEN; HE IS *REALLY* SORRY AND READY TO DO ANYTHING TO MAKE AMENDS.
YOU WERE TALKING TO HIM, WEREN'T YOU?
DIDN'T I SPECIFICALLY TELL YOU *NOT* TO GET INVOLVED?
HOW CAN YOU BE SO COLD? HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT HE SAVED YOUR *LIFE*?
I REMEMBER AND THAT'S WHY I PARTICULARLY WANT HIM OUT OF THIS GAME. THAT BOY IS A DANGER TO *HIMSELF*. WORD IS ALREADY OUT THAT RAKSHAK KILLED A GANG BANGER IN COLD BLOOD. CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT THIS IS LEADING TO? THE AUTHORITY WILL FINALLY STIR UP AND BEGIN THEIR *CRACKDOWN*.
MANAV IS LOSING CONTROL OF HIMSELF. I DON'T BLAME HIM. PEOPLE WITH SUCH VIOLENT CHILDHOOD OFTEN BECOME BROKEN FOR THEIR LIVES.
I HAVE SEEN VIOLENCE; NO ONE KNOWS IT BETTER THAN ME. I TOO LOST MY PARENTS.
DOES THAT MEAN I AM BROKEN AS WELL? I WILL GROW UP AS A POTENTIAL *SOCIOPATH*?
IT IS DIFFERENT WITH YOU SAINA. *I* AM HERE FOR YOU. I WILL *ALWAYS* BE THERE FOR YOU.
THEN BE THERE FOR HIM AS WELL.


HRRRAAH!
THUGG
THUBB
THUGG
BRRRT...
Unknown
Answer
MANAV?
YES, YES IT'S ME CAPTAIN, THANK YOU *SO* MUCH FOR CALLING!
WELL, I WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THIS SHORT. I HAVE SOME INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOU.
ANYTHING, I WILL DO *WHATEVER* YOU SAY.
OKAY, LISTEN CAREFULLY...
FIRST OF ALL, I NEED YOU TO GO THROUGH A PSYCHE EVALUATION. I KNOW A FEW GOOD DOCTORS; EVEN I WENT THROUGH ONE OF THEM AFTER MY POST RETIREMENT TRAUMA. IT REALLY HELPS, TRUST ME.
OKAY, YOU WANT ME TO VISIT A SHRINK. WHAT ELSE?
I NEED YOU OFF STREETS FOR AT LEAST THE REST OF THIS YEAR. I NEED YOU TO MEDITATE, GATHER YOURSELF UP AND FOCUS ON THE GOAL, WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO WITH RAKSHAK.
WE ARE TRYING TO INSTILL HOPE AMONG PEOPLE. WE ARE RAKSHAKS, PROTECTORS; NOT KILLERS, MANAV. I NEED YOU TO GET THIS THROUGH YOUR HEAD AND HEART. KILLING IS *NOT* ACCEPTABLE IN ANY WAY. WE SHOULD CONDEMN IT AND WHOEVER WHO IS KILLING IN THE NAME OF VIGILANTISM.
WE SHOULD BE EXAMPLES TO THE OTHERS, AND FOR THAT I NEED *YOU* TO BE AN EXAMPLE.
BY DOING WHAT? NOTHING?
YOU CAN WORK ON INFORMATION, RESEARCH AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE INTERIM. MY PROTÉGÉ IS ALREADY DOING THAT BUT I DO NEED EXTRA EYES AND EARS.
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS? ARE YOU GROUNDING ME LIKE A *KID*?
YOU CAN'T DO THAT CAPTAIN, YOU ARE *NOT* MY DAD.
MANAV, LISTEN- WE CANNOT ARGUE ON THIS MATTER...
SHUT UP YOU SANCTIMONIOUS *PRICK*!


YOU THINK YOU CAN LECTURE ME AND CALL ME *MENTAL*? DON'T FORGET IT WAS ME WHO SAVED YOUR ASS IN AZIMGANJ.
I NEVER DENIED THAT, MANAV, I TRUST YOU...
NO, YOU *DON'T* TRUST ME!
IF YOU TRUSTED ME YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN I HAD NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO KILL THAT ASSHOLE, AND GIVEN A CHANCE I WILL DO IT *AGAIN* WITHOUT ANY REMORSE. SCUM LIKE THAT BELONGS UNDER THE GROUND OR IN THE FIRE.
BUT NO, YOU HAVE YOUR OWN IDEALS AND PRINCIPALS HOWEVER FULL OF *BULLSHIT* THEY MIGHT BE. I CAN DO THIS ALONE ADITYA, I AM NOT YOUR SIDEKICK, I AM MY *OWN* MAN.
AND I WILL *PROVE* IT TO YOU THAT YOUR WAY DOESN'T WORK. NOT IN THIS PUTRID, FILTHY, CORRUPT SYSTEM THAT WE LIVE IN.
FAREWELL CAPTAIN, YOU WON'T HEAR FROM ME AGAIN.
BUT YOU WILL DO HEAR A LOT *ABOUT* ME.
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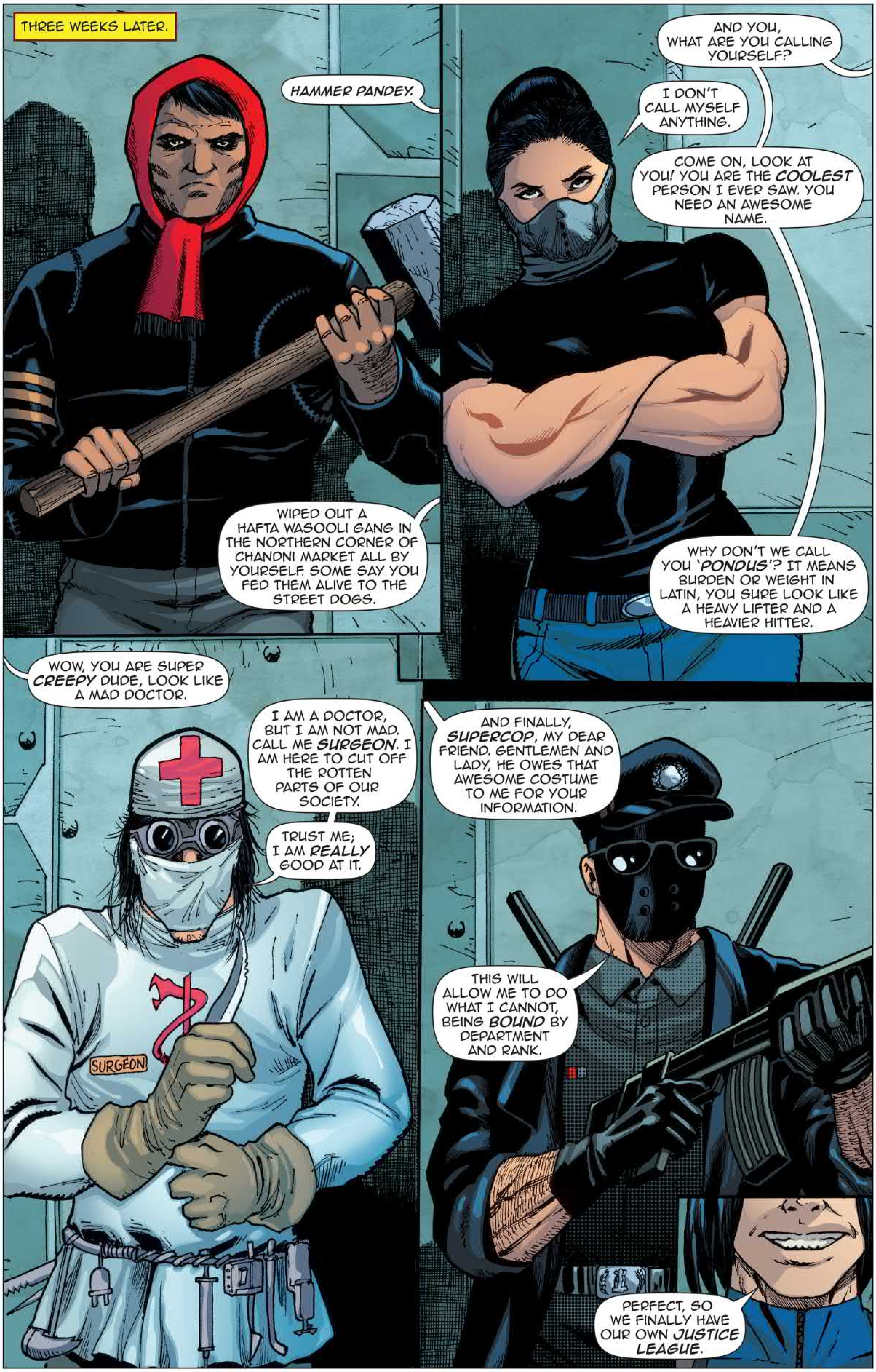
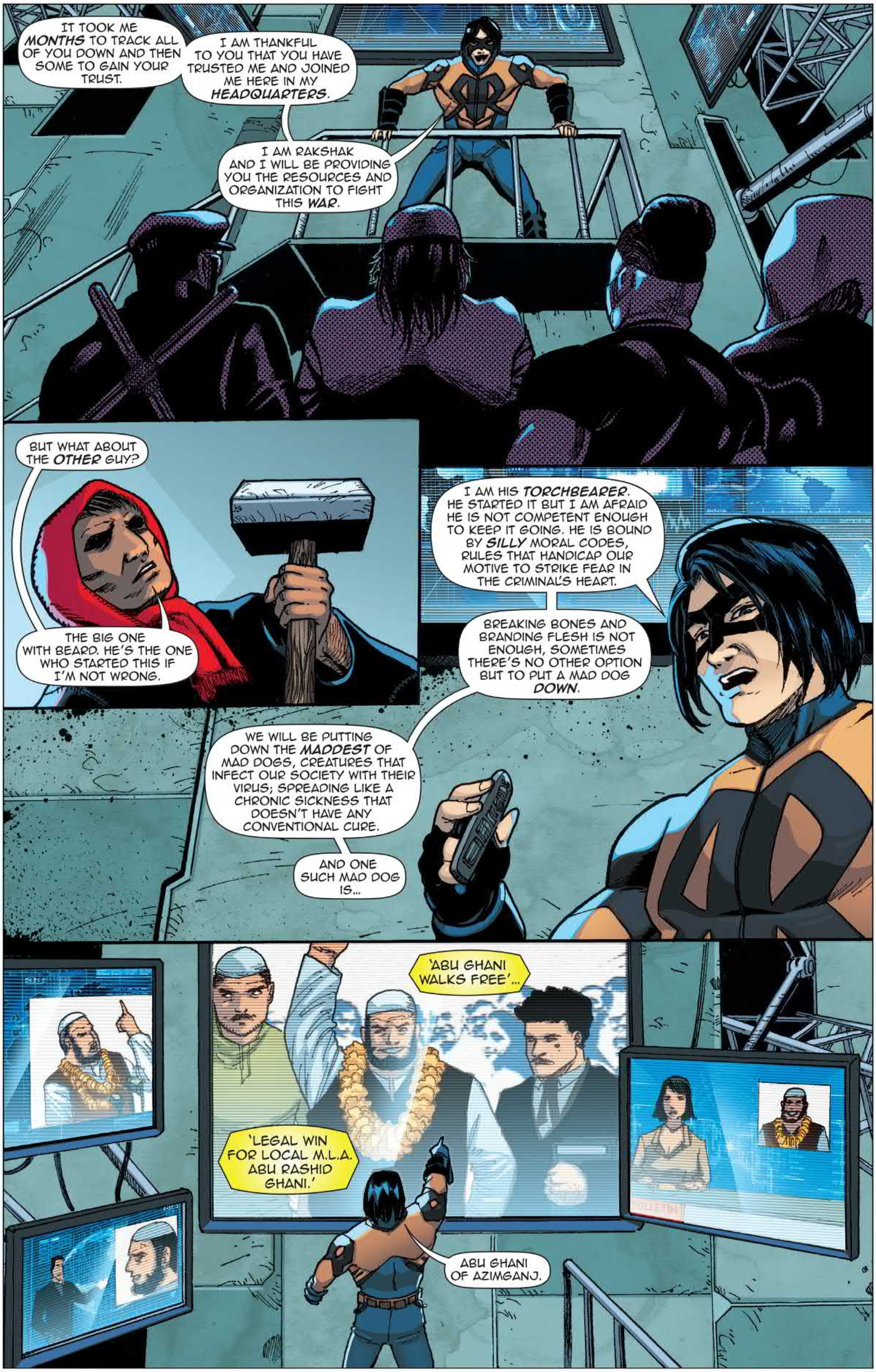
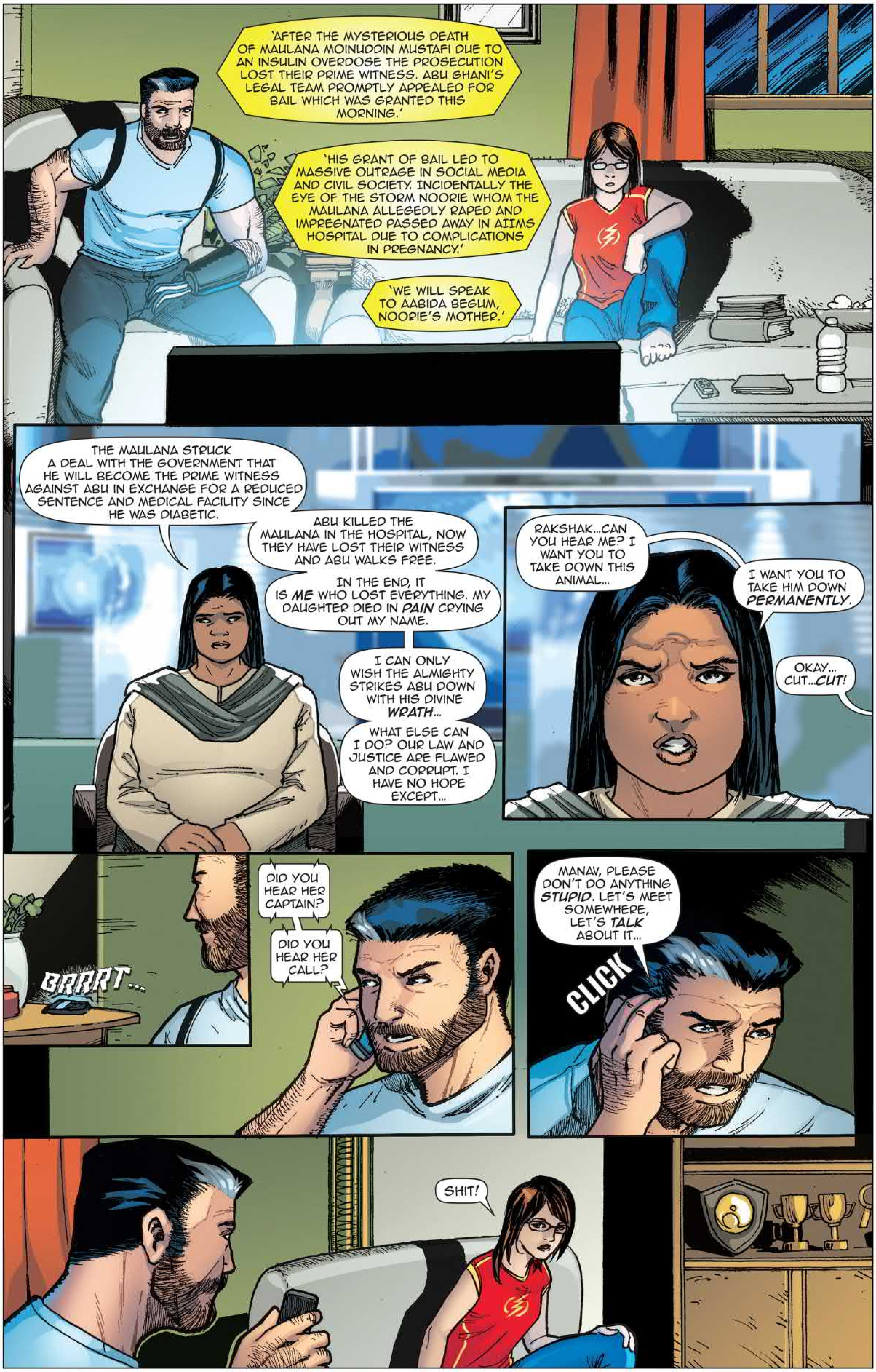

THREE WEEKS LATER.
HAMMER PANDEY.
WIPED OUT A HAFTA WASOOLI GANG IN THE NORTHERN CORNER OF CHANDNI MARKET ALL BY YOURSELF. SOME SAY YOU FED THEM ALIVE TO THE STREET DOGS.
AND YOU, WHAT ARE YOU CALLING YOURSELF?
I DON'T CALL MYSELF ANYTHING.
COME ON, LOOK AT YOU! YOU ARE THE *COOLEST* PERSON I EVER SAW. YOU NEED AN AWESOME NAME.
WHY DON'T WE CALL YOU '*PONDUS*'? IT MEANS BURDEN OR WEIGHT IN LATIN, YOU SURE LOOK LIKE A HEAVY LIFTER AND A HEAVIER HITTER.
WOW, YOU ARE SUPER *CREEPY* DUDE, LOOK LIKE A MAD DOCTOR.
I AM A DOCTOR, BUT I AM NOT MAD. CALL ME *SURGEON*. I AM HERE TO CUT OFF THE ROTTEN PARTS OF OUR SOCIETY.
TRUST ME; I AM *REALLY* GOOD AT IT.
SURGEON
AND FINALLY, *SUPERCOP*, MY DEAR FRIEND. GENTLEMEN AND LADY, HE OWES THAT AWESOME COSTUME TO ME FOR YOUR INFORMATION.
THIS WILL ALLOW ME TO DO WHAT I CANNOT, BEING *BOUND* BY DEPARTMENT AND RANK.
PERFECT, SO WE FINALLY HAVE OUR OWN *JUSTICE LEAGUE*.


IT TOOK ME *MONTHS* TO TRACK ALL OF YOU DOWN AND THEN SOME TO GAIN YOUR TRUST.
I AM THANKFUL TO YOU THAT YOU HAVE TRUSTED ME AND JOINED ME HERE IN MY ***HEADQUARTERS***.
I AM RAKSHAK AND I WILL BE PROVIDING YOU THE RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATION TO FIGHT THIS *WAR*.
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE *OTHER* GUY?
THE BIG ONE WITH BEARD. HE'S THE ONE WHO STARTED THIS IF I'M NOT WRONG.
I AM HIS *TORCHBEARER*. HE STARTED IT BUT I AM AFRAID HE IS NOT COMPETENT ENOUGH TO KEEP IT GOING. HE IS BOUND BY *SILLY* MORAL CODES, RULES THAT HANDICAP OUR MOTIVE TO STRIKE FEAR IN THE CRIMINAL'S HEART.
BREAKING BONES AND BRANDING FLESH IS NOT ENOUGH, SOMETIMES THERE'S NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO PUT A MAD DOG ***DOWN***.
WE WILL BE PUTTING DOWN THE ***MADDEST*** OF MAD DOGS, CREATURES THAT INFECT OUR SOCIETY WITH THEIR VIRUS; SPREADING LIKE A CHRONIC SICKNESS THAT DOESN'T HAVE ANY CONVENTIONAL CURE.
AND ONE SUCH MAD DOG IS...
'ABU GHANI WALKS FREE'...
'LEGAL WIN FOR LOCAL M.L.A. ABU RASHID GHANI.'
ABU GHANI OF AZIMGANJ.


'AFTER THE MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF MAULANA MOINUDDIN MUSTAFI DUE TO AN INSULIN OVERDOSE THE PROSECUTION LOST THEIR PRIME WITNESS. ABU GHANI'S LEGAL TEAM PROMPTLY APPEALED FOR BAIL WHICH WAS GRANTED THIS MORNING.'
'HIS GRANT OF BAIL LED TO MASSIVE OUTRAGE IN SOCIAL MEDIA AND CIVIL SOCIETY. INCIDENTALLY THE EYE OF THE STORM NOORIE WHOM THE MAULANA ALLEGEDLY RAPED AND IMPREGNATED PASSED AWAY IN AIIMS HOSPITAL DUE TO COMPLICATIONS IN PREGNANCY.'
'WE WILL SPEAK TO AABIDA BEGUM, NOORIE'S MOTHER.'
THE MAULANA STRUCK A DEAL WITH THE GOVERNMENT THAT HE WILL BECOME THE PRIME WITNESS AGAINST ABU IN EXCHANGE FOR A REDUCED SENTENCE AND MEDICAL FACILITY SINCE HE WAS DIABETIC.
ABU KILLED THE MAULANA IN THE HOSPITAL, NOW THEY HAVE LOST THEIR WITNESS AND ABU WALKS FREE.
IN THE END, IT IS *ME* WHO LOST EVERYTHING. MY DAUGHTER DIED IN *PAIN* CRYING OUT MY NAME.
I CAN ONLY WISH THE ALMIGHTY STRIKES ABU DOWN WITH HIS DIVINE *WRATH*...
WHAT ELSE CAN I DO? OUR LAW AND JUSTICE ARE FLAWED AND CORRUPT. I HAVE NO HOPE EXCEPT...
RAKSHAK...CAN YOU HEAR ME? I WANT YOU TO TAKE DOWN THIS ANIMAL...
I WANT YOU TO TAKE HIM DOWN *PERMANENTLY*.
OKAY... CUT...*CUT!*
BRRRT...
DID YOU HEAR HER CAPTAIN?
DID YOU HEAR HER CALL?
MANAV, PLEASE DON'T DO ANYTHING *STUPID*. LET'S MEET SOMEWHERE, LET'S *TALK* ABOUT IT...
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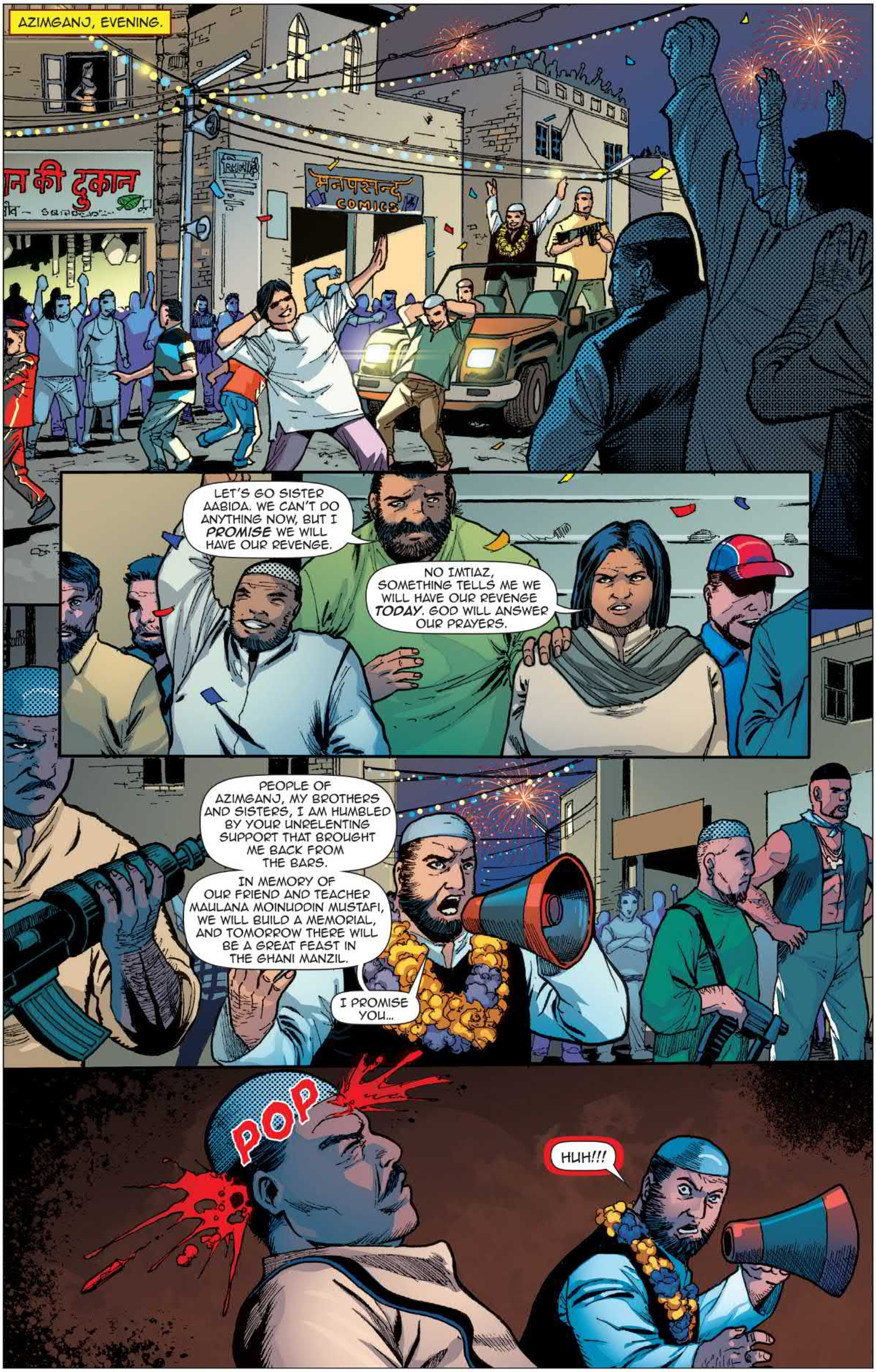
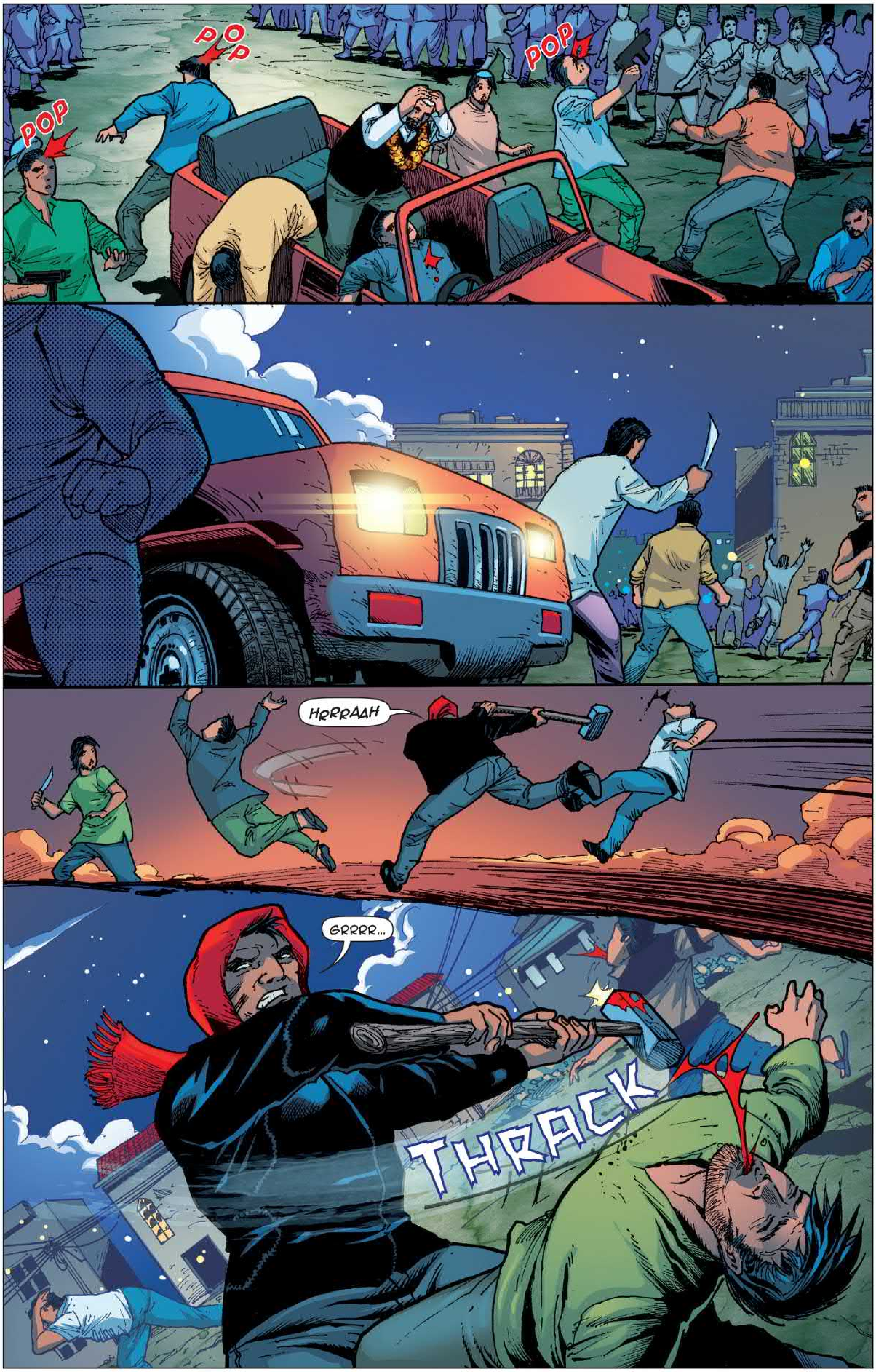
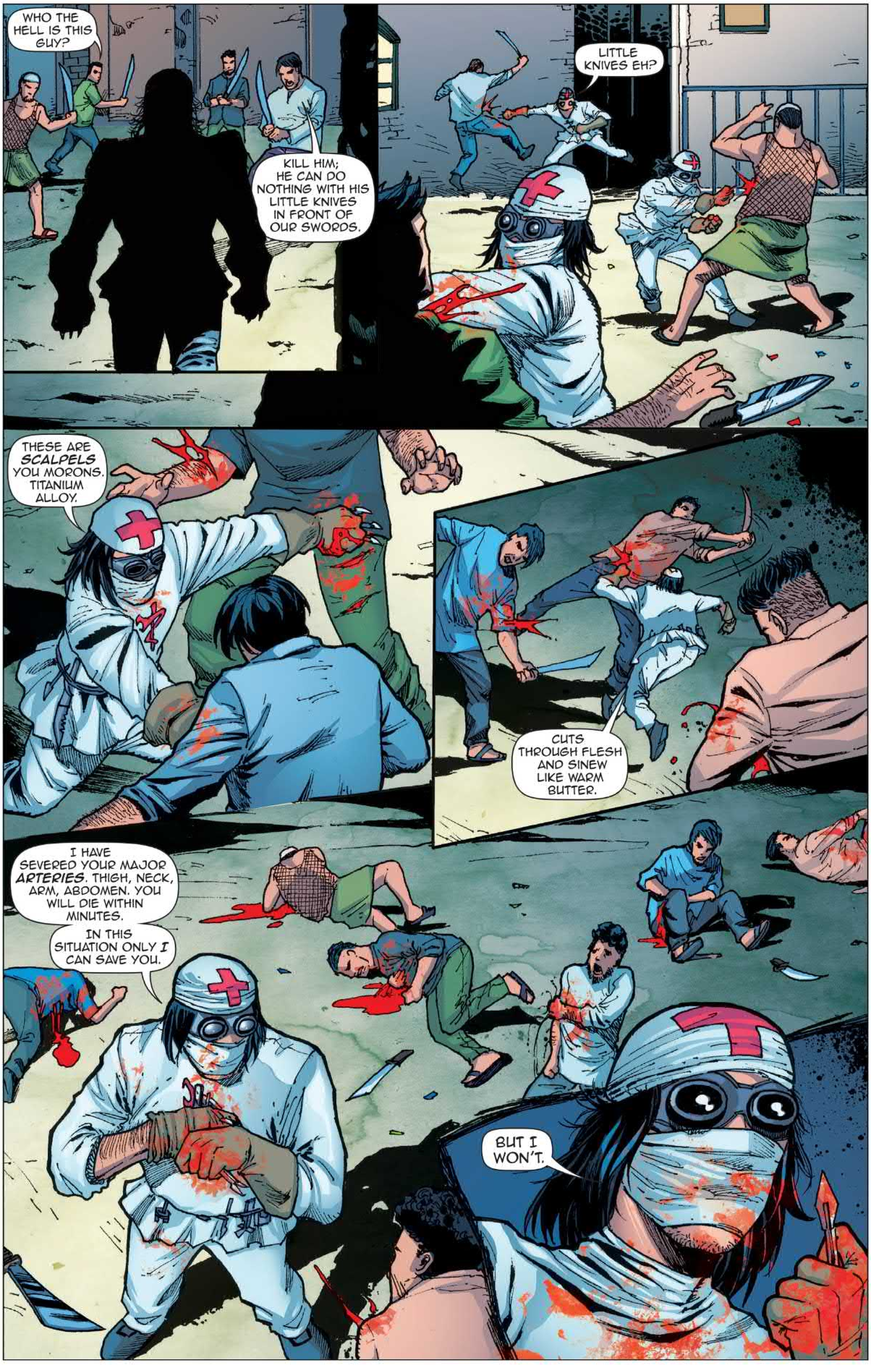
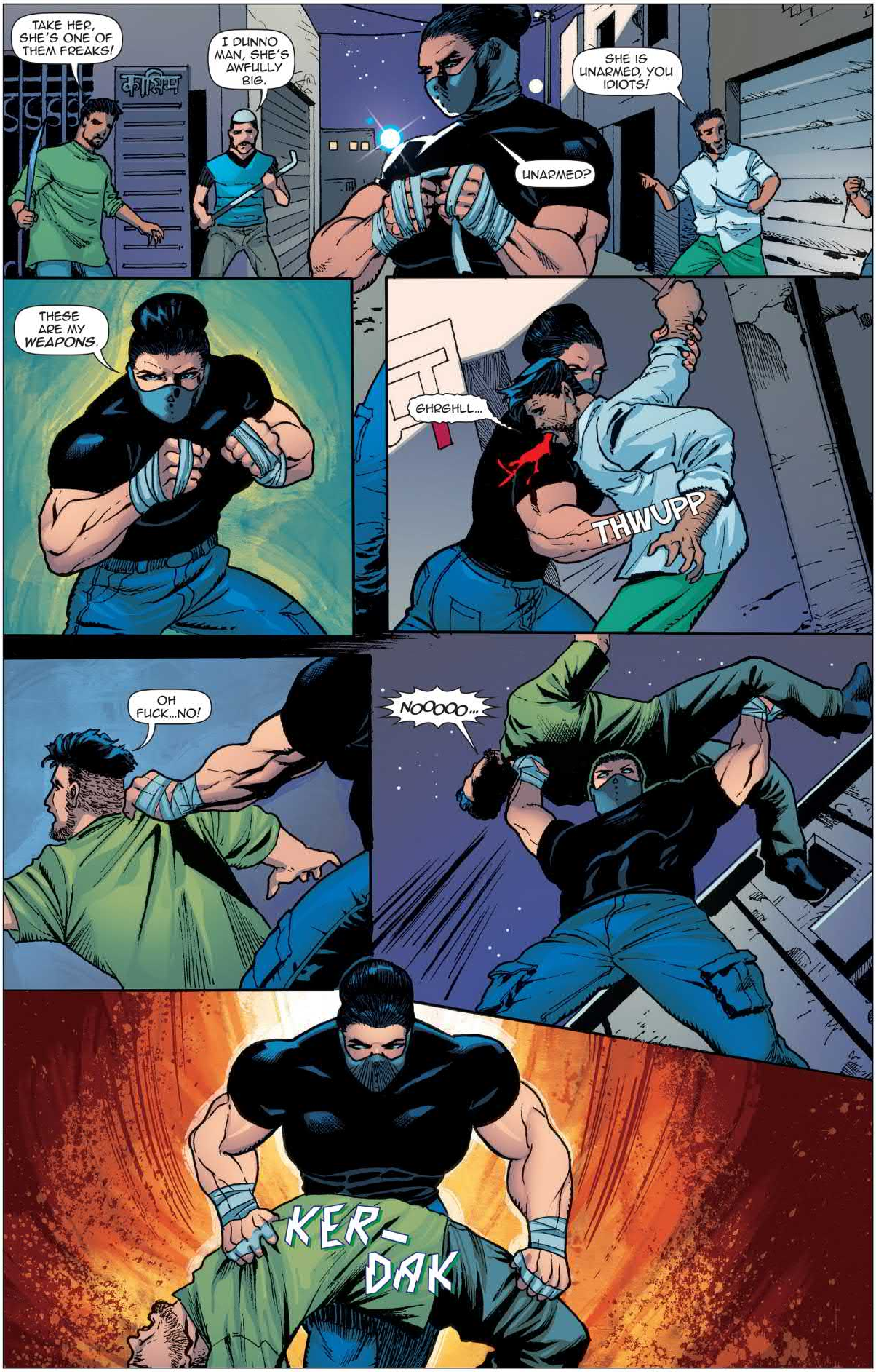
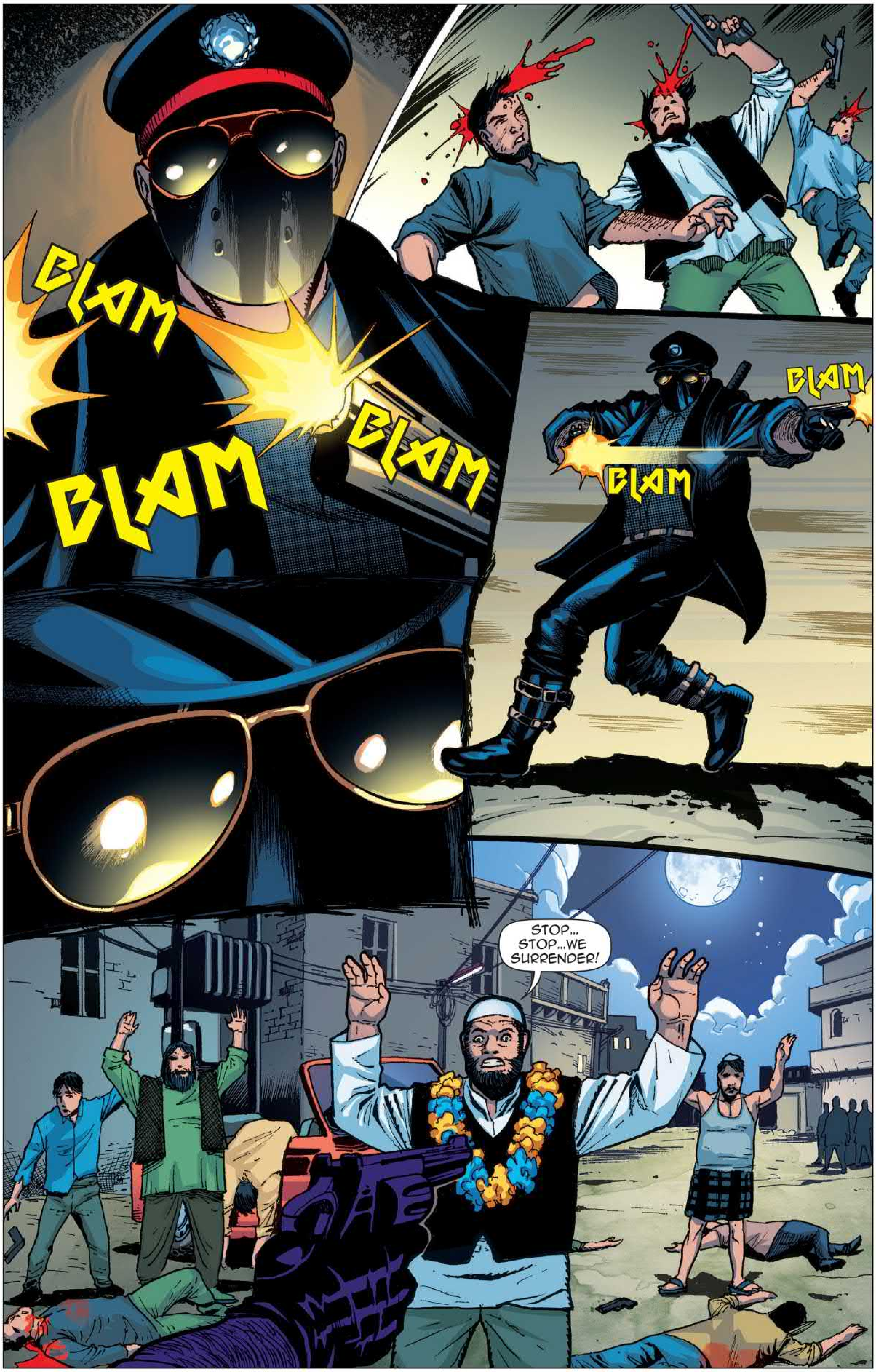
SHIT!


AZIMGANJ, EVENING.
न की दुकान
मनपसन्द COMICS
LET'S GO SISTER AABIDA. WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING NOW, BUT I *PROMISE* WE WILL HAVE OUR REVENGE.
NO IMTIAZ, SOMETHING TELLS ME WE WILL HAVE OUR REVENGE *TODAY*. GOD WILL ANSWER OUR PRAYERS.
PEOPLE OF AZIMGANJ, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I AM HUMBLED BY YOUR UNRELENTING SUPPORT THAT BROUGHT ME BACK FROM THE BARS.
IN MEMORY OF OUR FRIEND AND TEACHER MAULANA MOINUDDIN MUSTAFI, WE WILL BUILD A MEMORIAL, AND TOMORROW THERE WILL BE A GREAT FEAST IN THE GHANI MANZIL.
I PROMISE YOU...
POP
HUH!!!


POP
POP
POP
POP
HRRRAAH
GRRRR...
THRACK


WHO THE HELL IS THIS GUY?
KILL HIM; HE CAN DO NOTHING WITH HIS LITTLE KNIVES IN FRONT OF OUR SWORDS.
LITTLE KNIVES EH?
THESE ARE *SCALPELS* YOU MORONS. TITANIUM ALLOY.
CUTS THROUGH FLESH AND SINEW LIKE WARM BUTTER.
I HAVE SEVERED YOUR MAJOR *ARTERIES*. THIGH, NECK, ARM, ABDOMEN. YOU WILL DIE WITHIN MINUTES.
IN THIS SITUATION ONLY *I* CAN SAVE YOU.
BUT I WON'T.


TAKE HER, SHE'S ONE OF THEM FREAKS!
I DUNNO MAN, SHE'S AWFULLY BIG.
SHE IS UNARMED, YOU IDIOTS!
UNARMED?
THESE ARE MY ***WEAPONS***.
GHRGHLL...
THWUPP
OH FUCK...NO!
NOOOOO...
KER-DAK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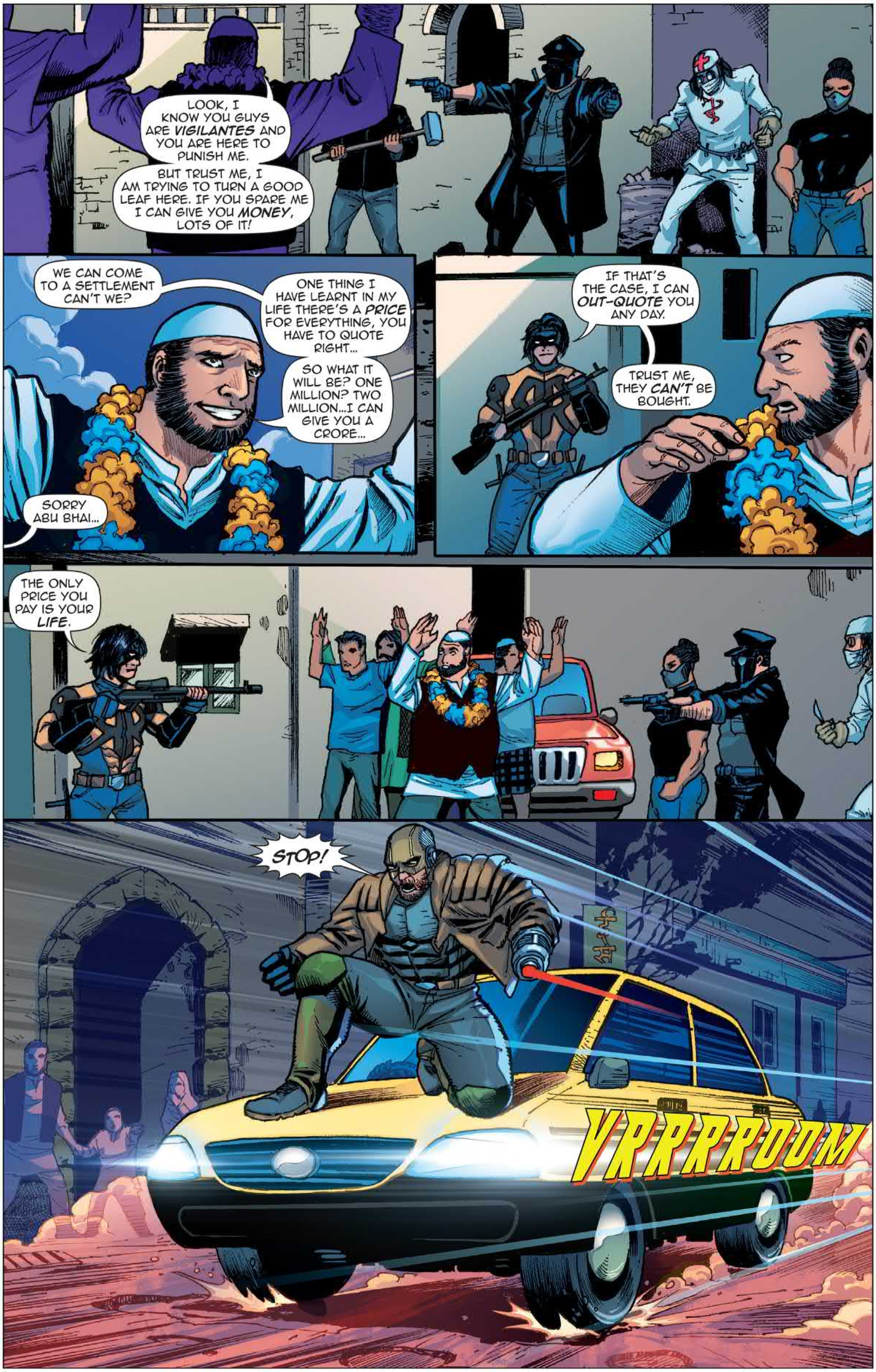
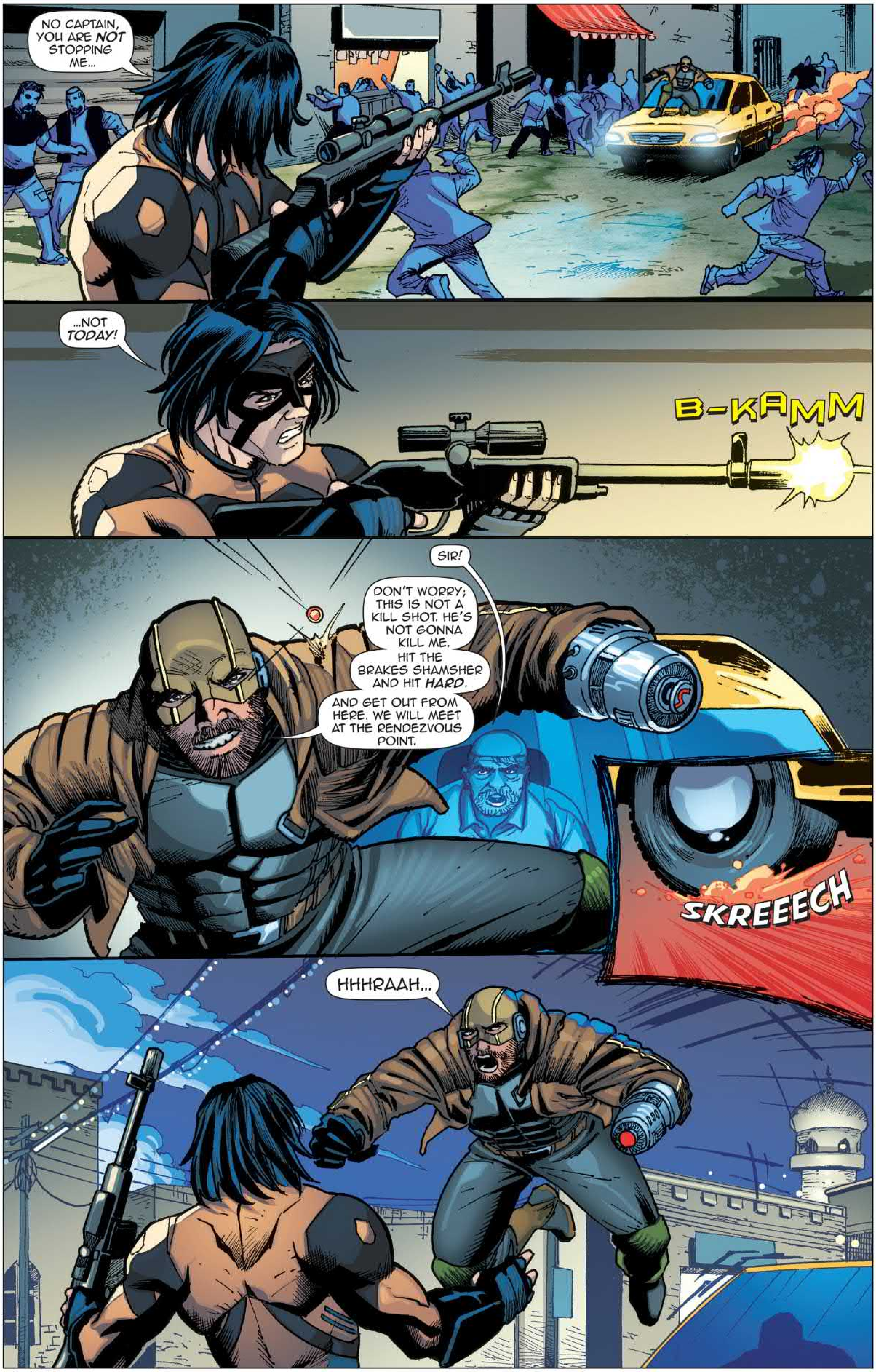
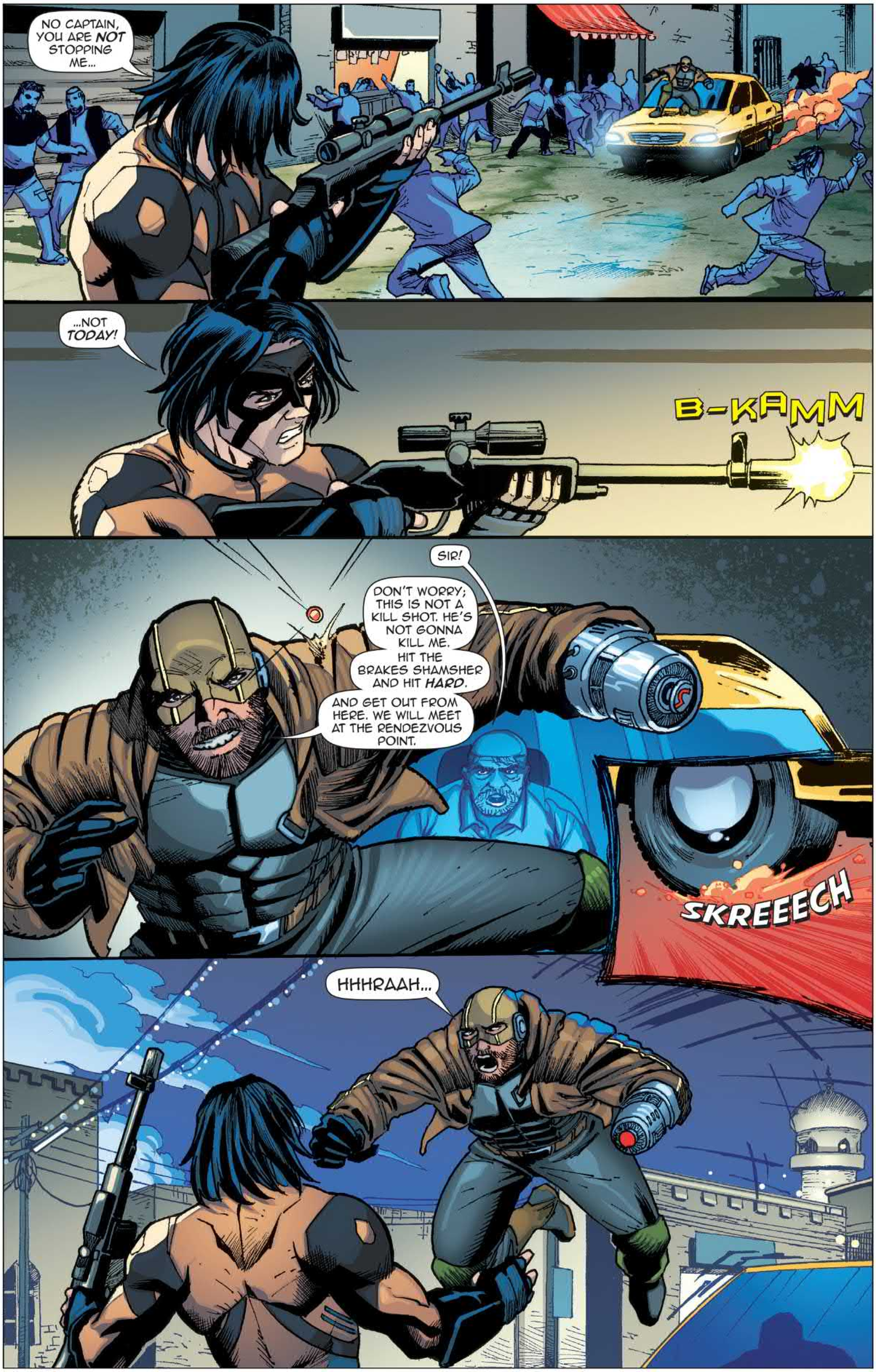
STOP... STOP...WE SURRENDER!


LOOK, I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE *VIGILANTES* AND YOU ARE HERE TO PUNISH ME.
BUT TRUST ME, I AM TRYING TO TURN A GOOD LEAF HERE. IF YOU SPARE ME I CAN GIVE YOU *MONEY*, LOTS OF IT!
WE CAN COME TO A SETTLEMENT CAN'T WE?
ONE THING I HAVE LEARNT IN MY LIFE THERE'S A *PRICE* FOR EVERYTHING, YOU HAVE TO QUOTE RIGHT...
SO WHAT IT WILL BE? ONE MILLION? TWO MILLION...I CAN GIVE YOU A CRORE...
SORRY ABU BHAI...
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I CAN *OUT-QUOTE* YOU ANY DAY.
TRUST ME, THEY *CAN'T* BE BOUGHT.
THE ONLY PRICE YOU PAY IS YOUR *LIFE*.
STOP!
VRRRROOM


NO CAPTAIN, YOU ARE *NOT* STOPPING ME...
...NOT *TODAY!*
B-KAMM
SIR!
DON'T WORRY; THIS IS NOT A KILL SHOT. HE'S NOT GONNA KILL ME. HIT THE BRAKES SHAMSHER AND HIT *HARD.*
AND GET OUT FROM HERE. WE WILL MEET AT THE RENDEZVOUS POINT.
SKREEECH
HHHRAAH...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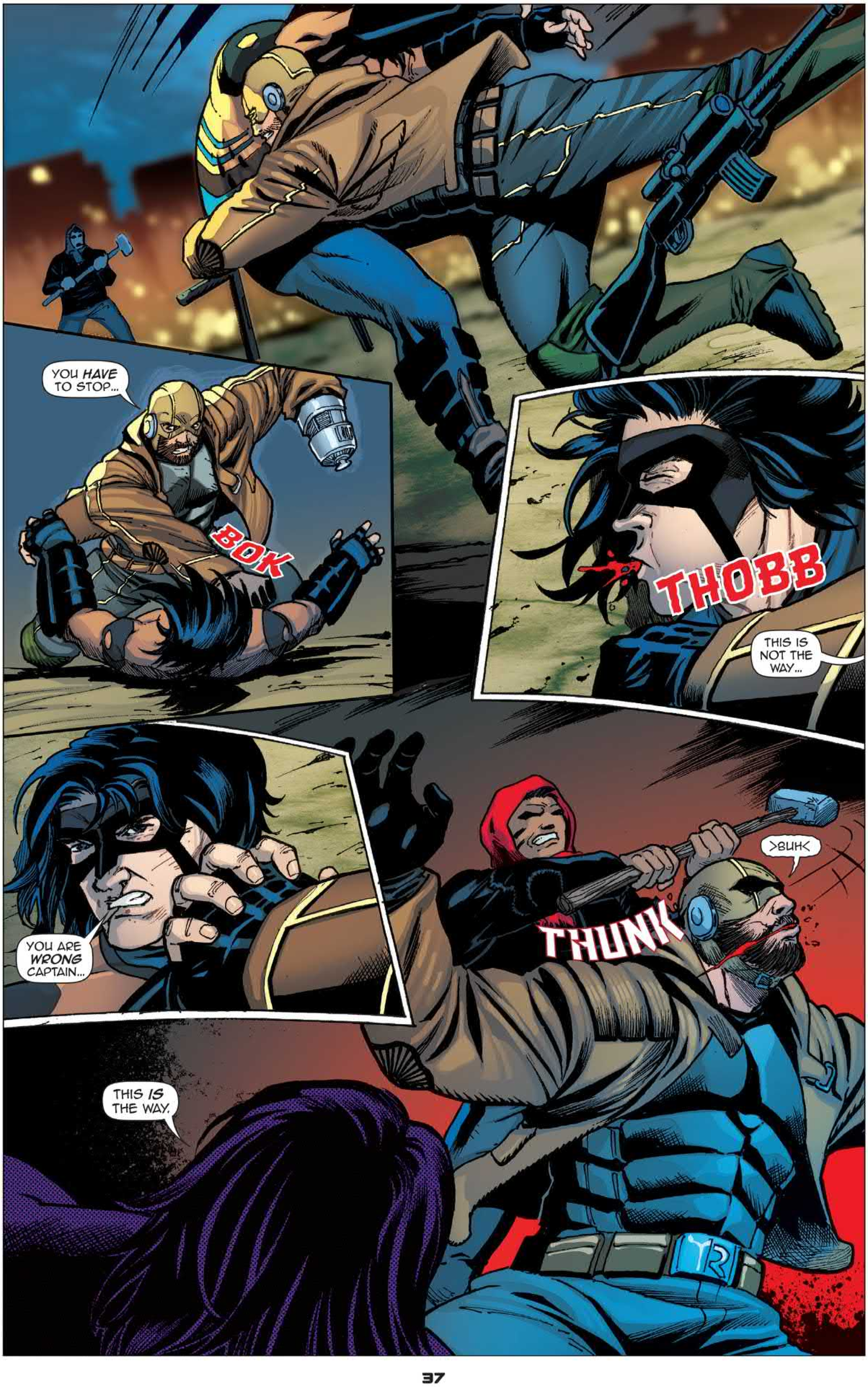
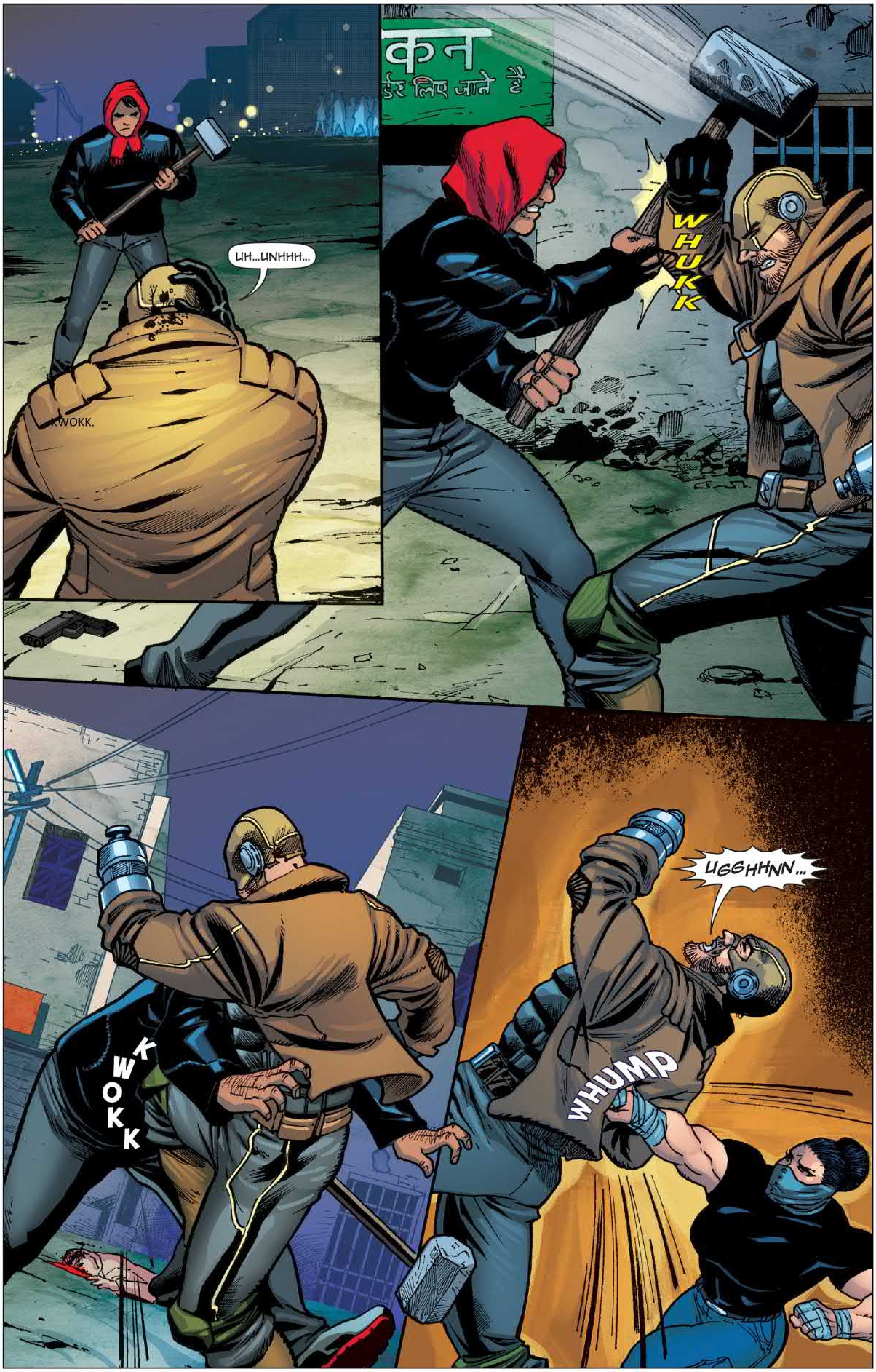
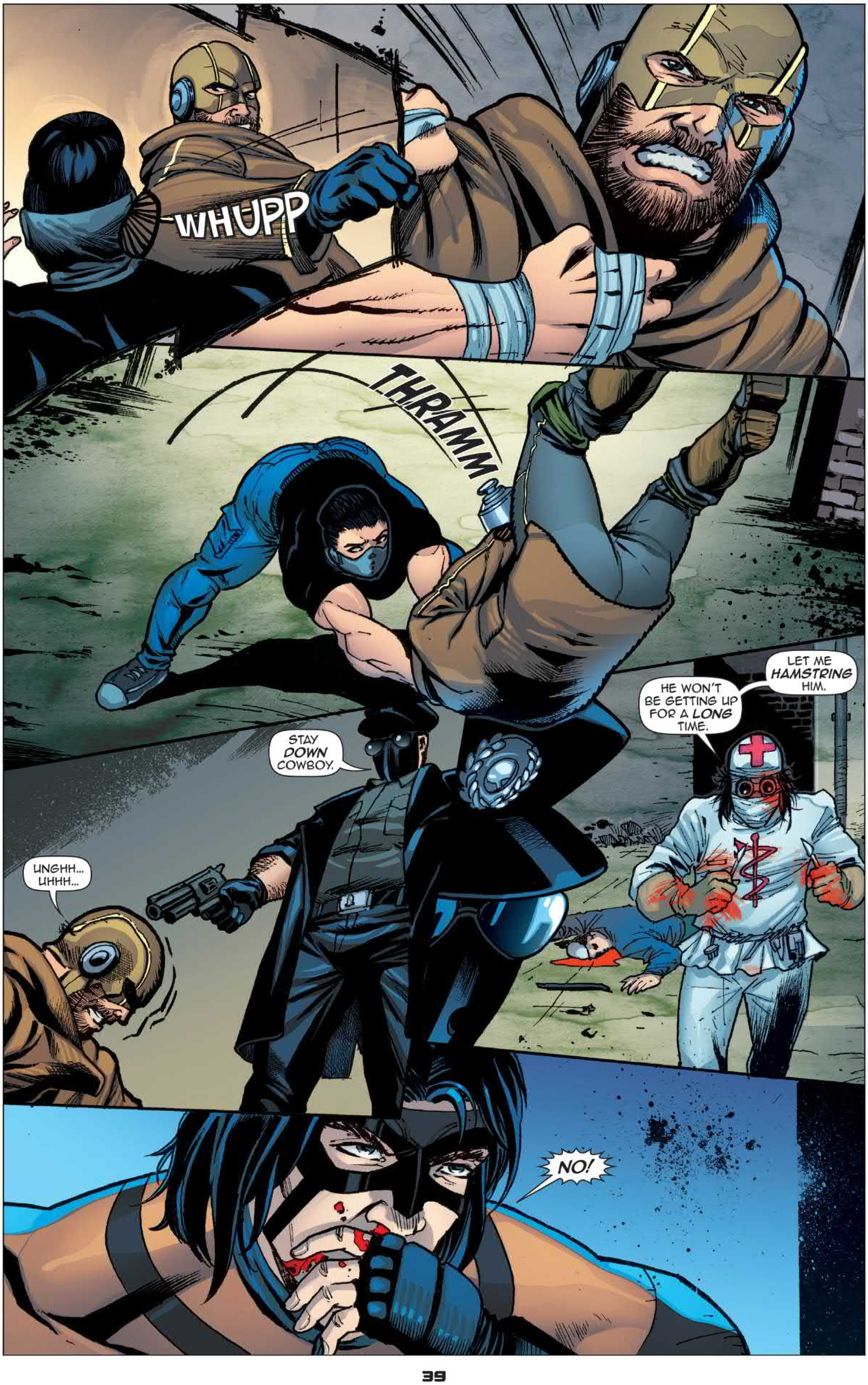
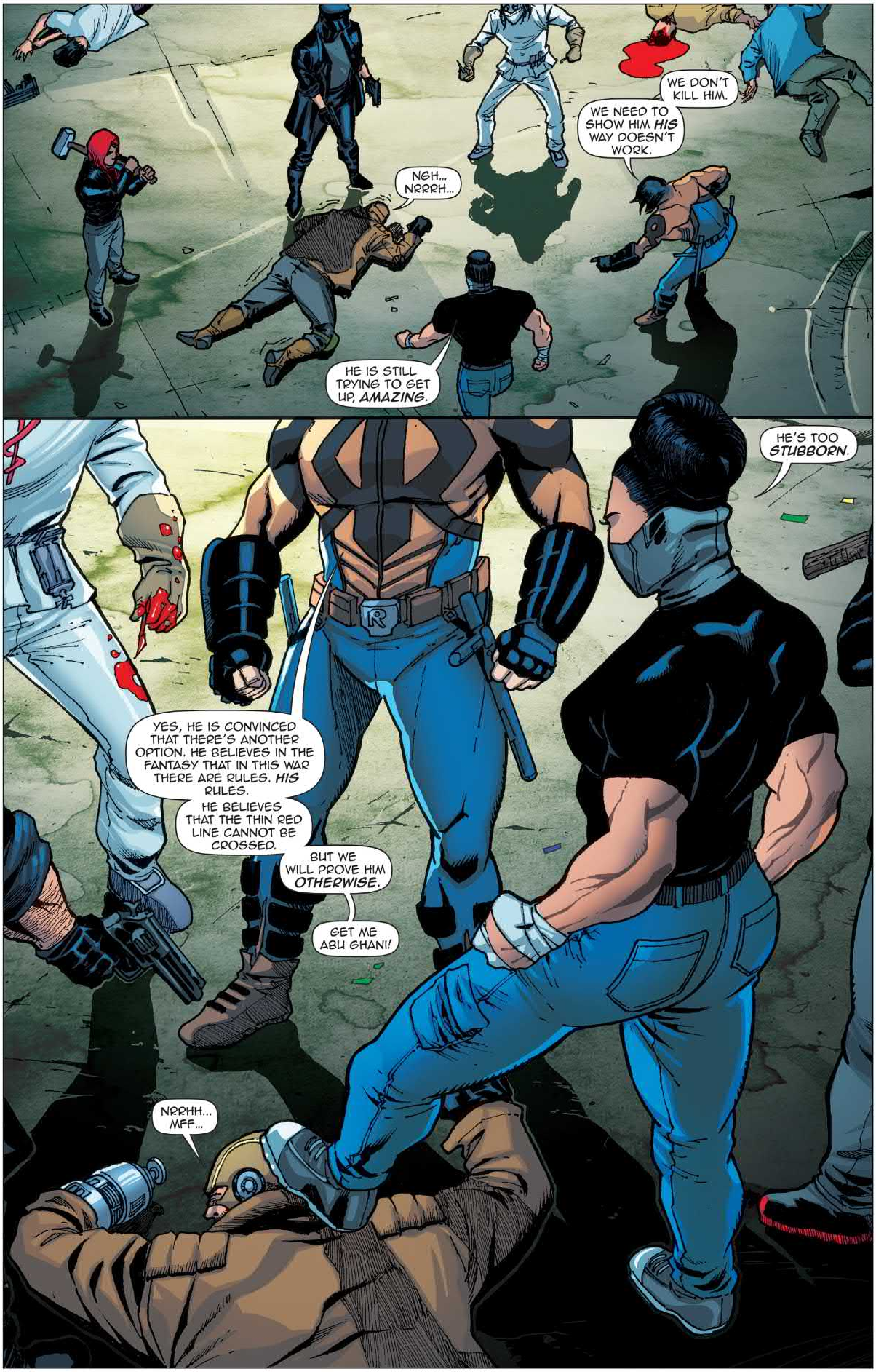
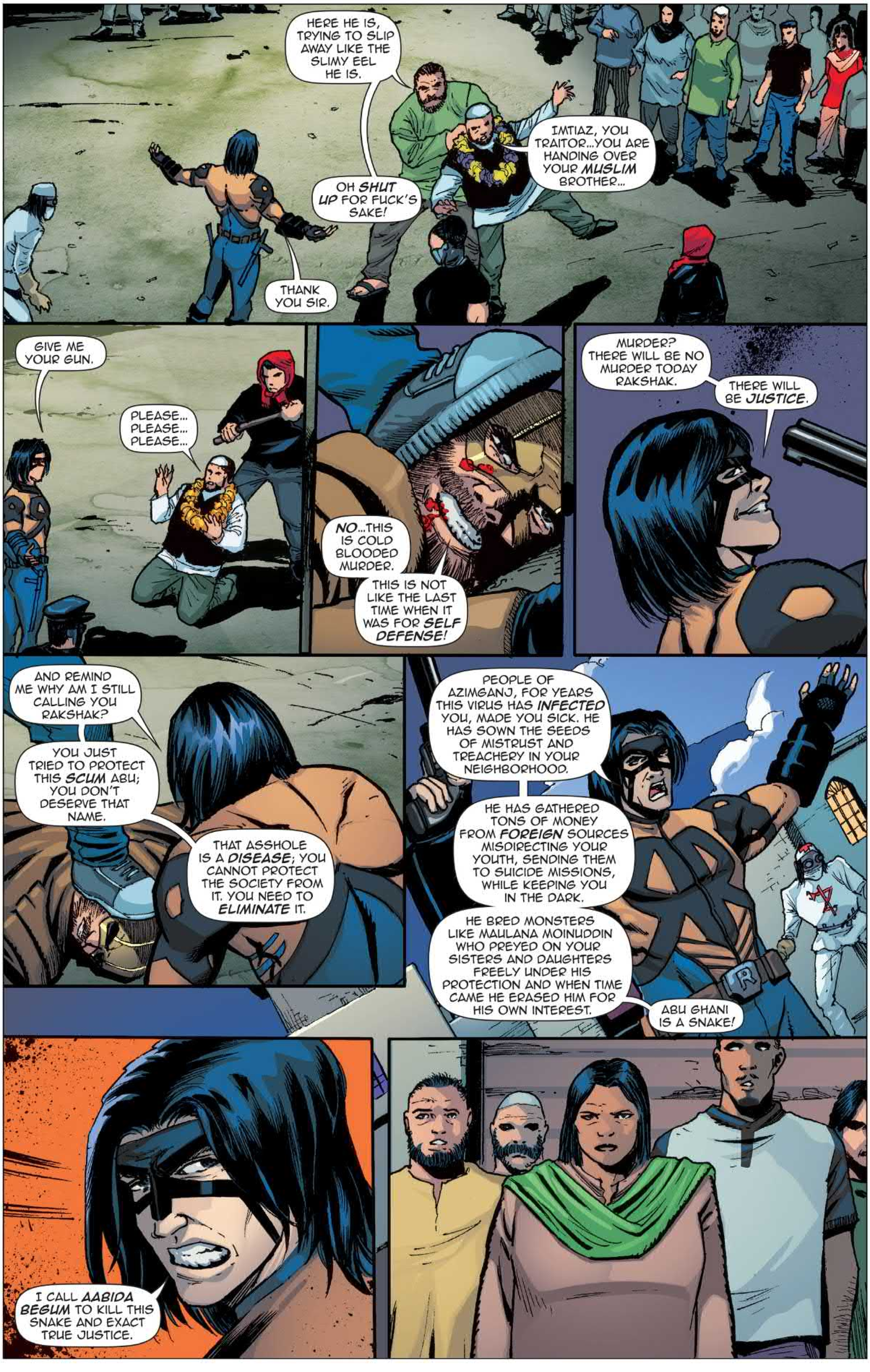
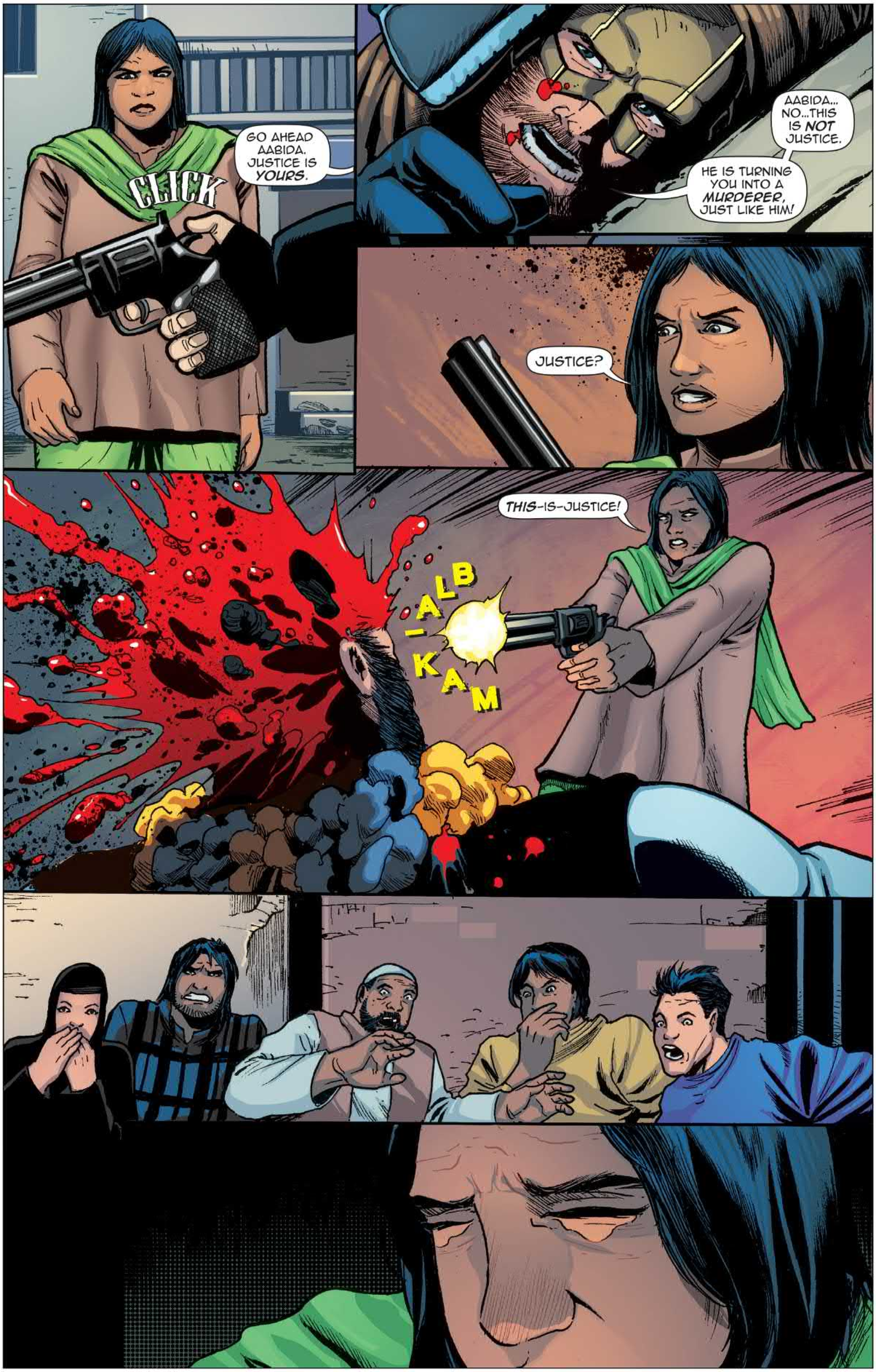

YOU HAVE TO STOP...
BOK
THOBB
THIS IS NOT THE WAY...
YOU ARE WRONG CAPTAIN...
>BUH<
THUNK
THIS IS THE WAY.


UH...UNHHH...
KWOKK.
कन
ईर लिए जाते हैं
WHUKK
KWOKK
UGGHHNN...
WHUMP


WHUPP
THRAMM
LET ME HAMSTRING HIM.
HE WON'T BE GETTING UP FOR A LONG TIME.
STAY DOWN COWBOY.
UNGHH... UHHH...
NO!


WE DON'T KILL HIM.
WE NEED TO SHOW HIM *HIS* WAY DOESN'T WORK.
NGH... NRRRH...
HE IS STILL TRYING TO GET UP, *AMAZING*.
HE'S TOO *STUBBORN*.
YES, HE IS CONVINCED THAT THERE'S ANOTHER OPTION. HE BELIEVES IN THE FANTASY THAT IN THIS WAR THERE ARE RULES. *HIS* RULES.
HE BELIEVES THAT THE THIN RED LINE CANNOT BE CROSSED.
BUT WE WILL PROVE HIM *OTHERWISE*.
GET ME ABU GHANI!
NRRHH... MFF...


HERE HE IS, TRYING TO SLIP AWAY LIKE THE SLIMY EEL HE IS.
IMTIAZ, YOU TRAITOR...YOU ARE HANDING OVER YOUR MUSLIM BROTHER...
OH SHUT UP FOR FUCK'S SAKE!
THANK YOU SIR.
GIVE ME YOUR GUN.
PLEASE... PLEASE... PLEASE...
NO...THIS IS COLD BLOODED MURDER.
THIS IS NOT LIKE THE LAST TIME WHEN IT WAS FOR SELF DEFENSE!
MURDER? THERE WILL BE NO MURDER TODAY RAKSHAK.
THERE WILL BE JUSTICE.
AND REMIND ME WHY AM I STILL CALLING YOU RAKSHAK?
YOU JUST TRIED TO PROTECT THIS SCUM ABU; YOU DON'T DESERVE THAT NAME.
THAT ASSHOLE IS A DISEASE; YOU CANNOT PROTECT THE SOCIETY FROM IT. YOU NEED TO ELIMINATE IT.
PEOPLE OF AZIMGANJ, FOR YEARS THIS VIRUS HAS INFECTED YOU, MADE YOU SICK. HE HAS SOWN THE SEEDS OF MISTRUST AND TREACHERY IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.
HE HAS GATHERED TONS OF MONEY FROM FOREIGN SOURCES MISDIRECTING YOUR YOUTH, SENDING THEM TO SUICIDE MISSIONS, WHILE KEEPING YOU IN THE DARK.
HE BRED MONSTERS LIKE MAULANA MOINUDDIN WHO PREYED ON YOUR SISTERS AND DAUGHTERS FREELY UNDER HIS PROTECTION AND WHEN TIME CAME HE ERASED HIM FOR HIS OWN INTEREST.
ABU GHANI IS A SNAKE!
I CALL AABIDA BEGUM TO KILL THIS SNAKE AND EXACT TRUE JUSTICE.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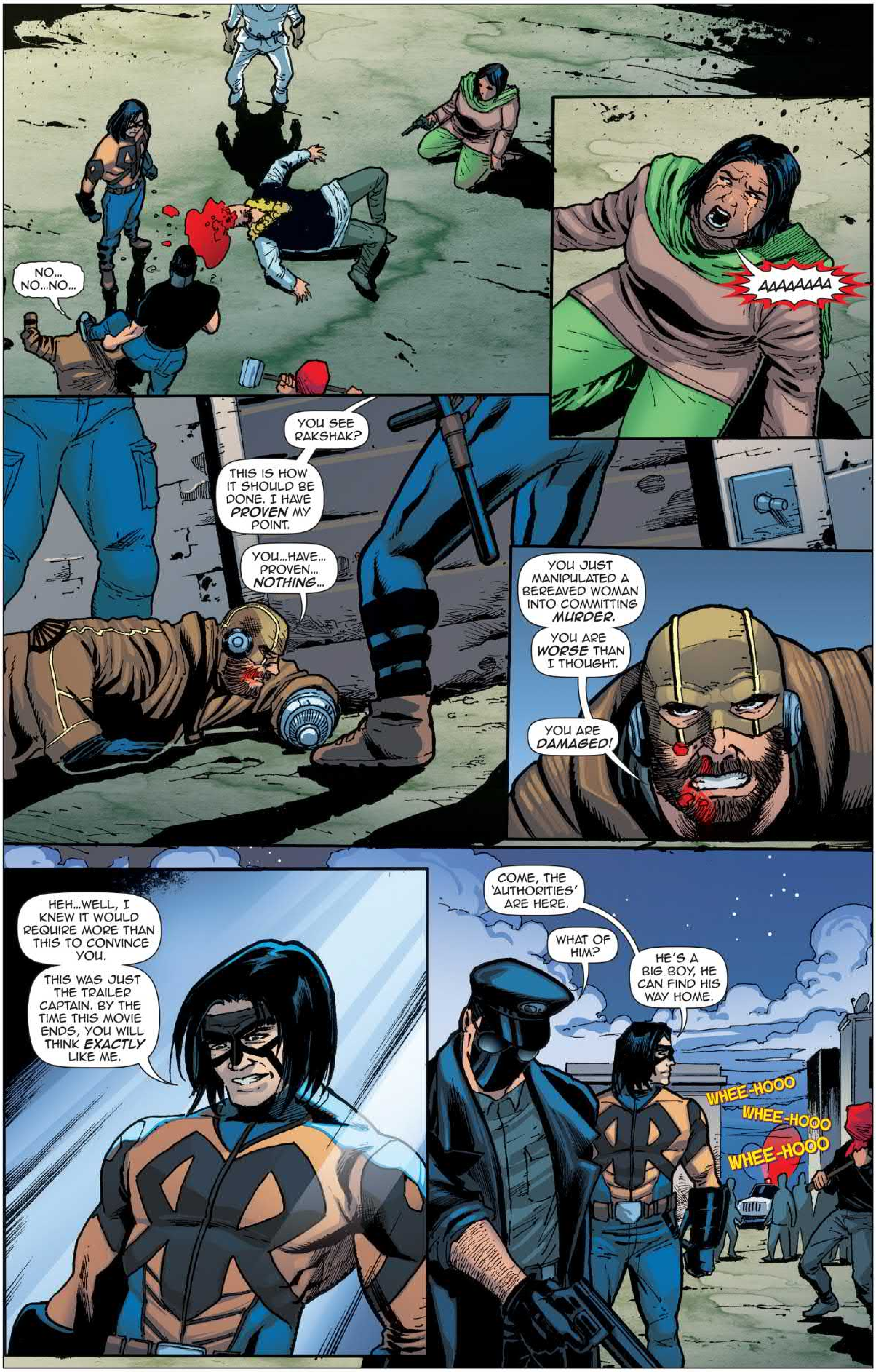
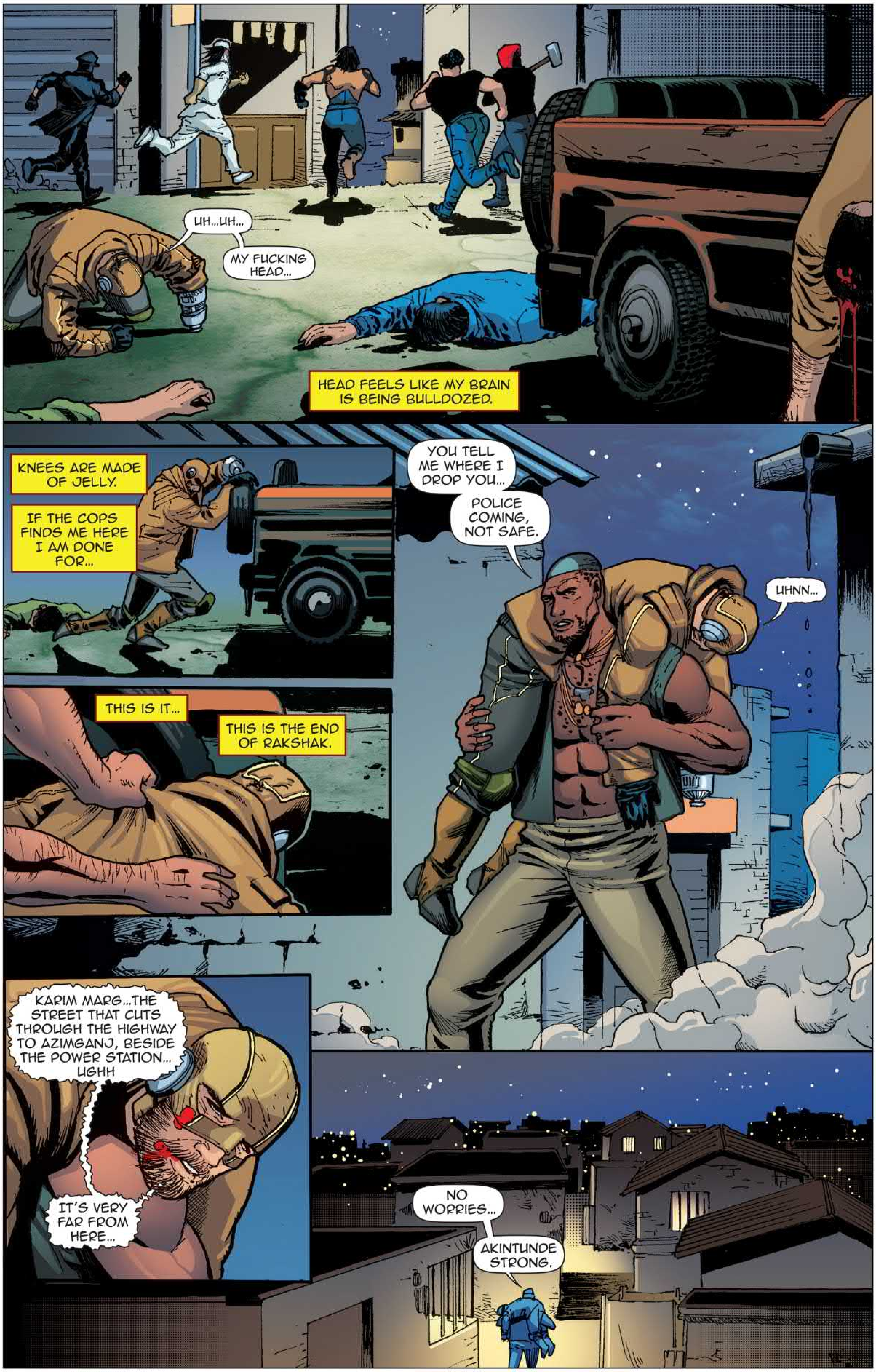
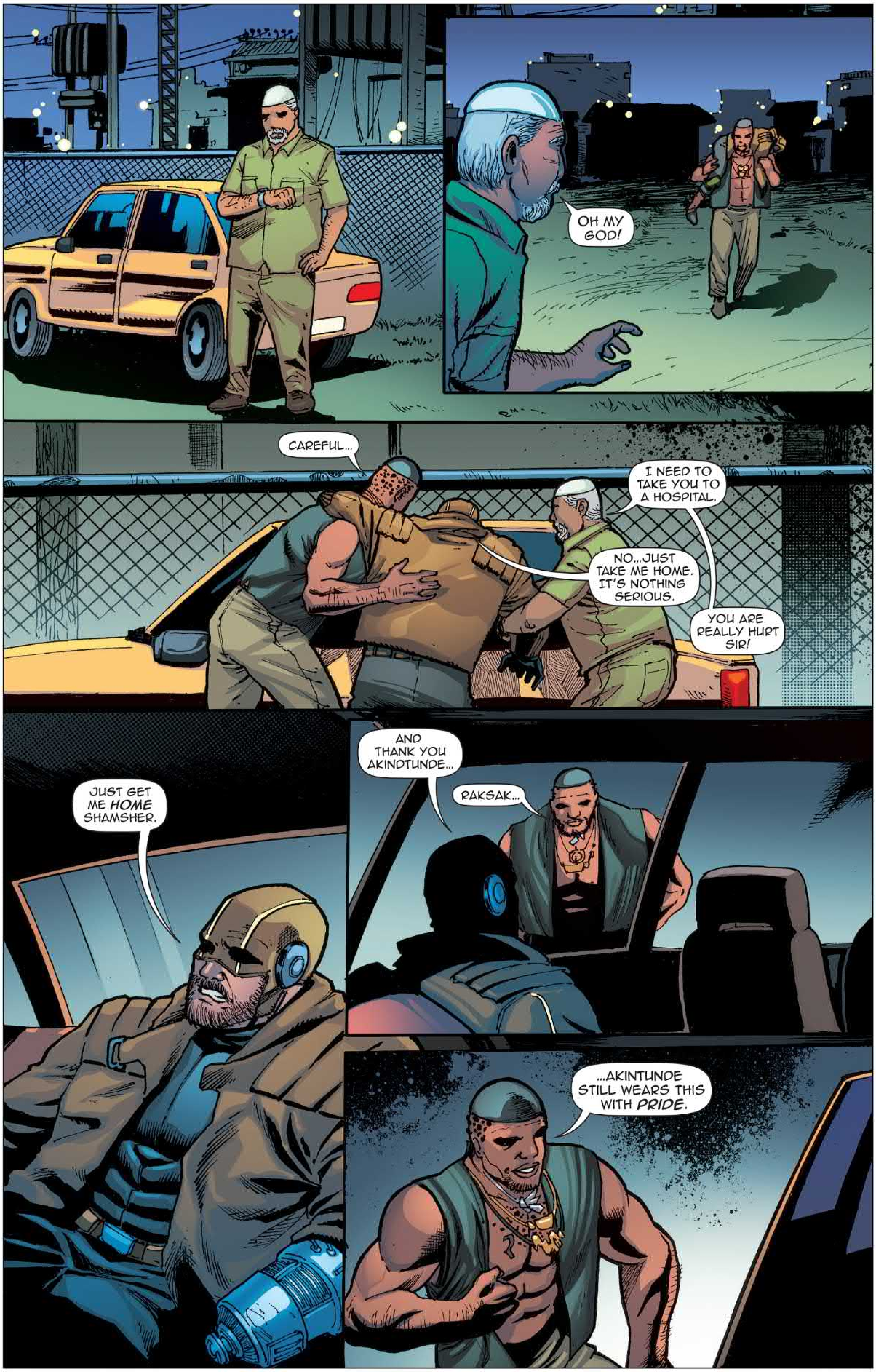
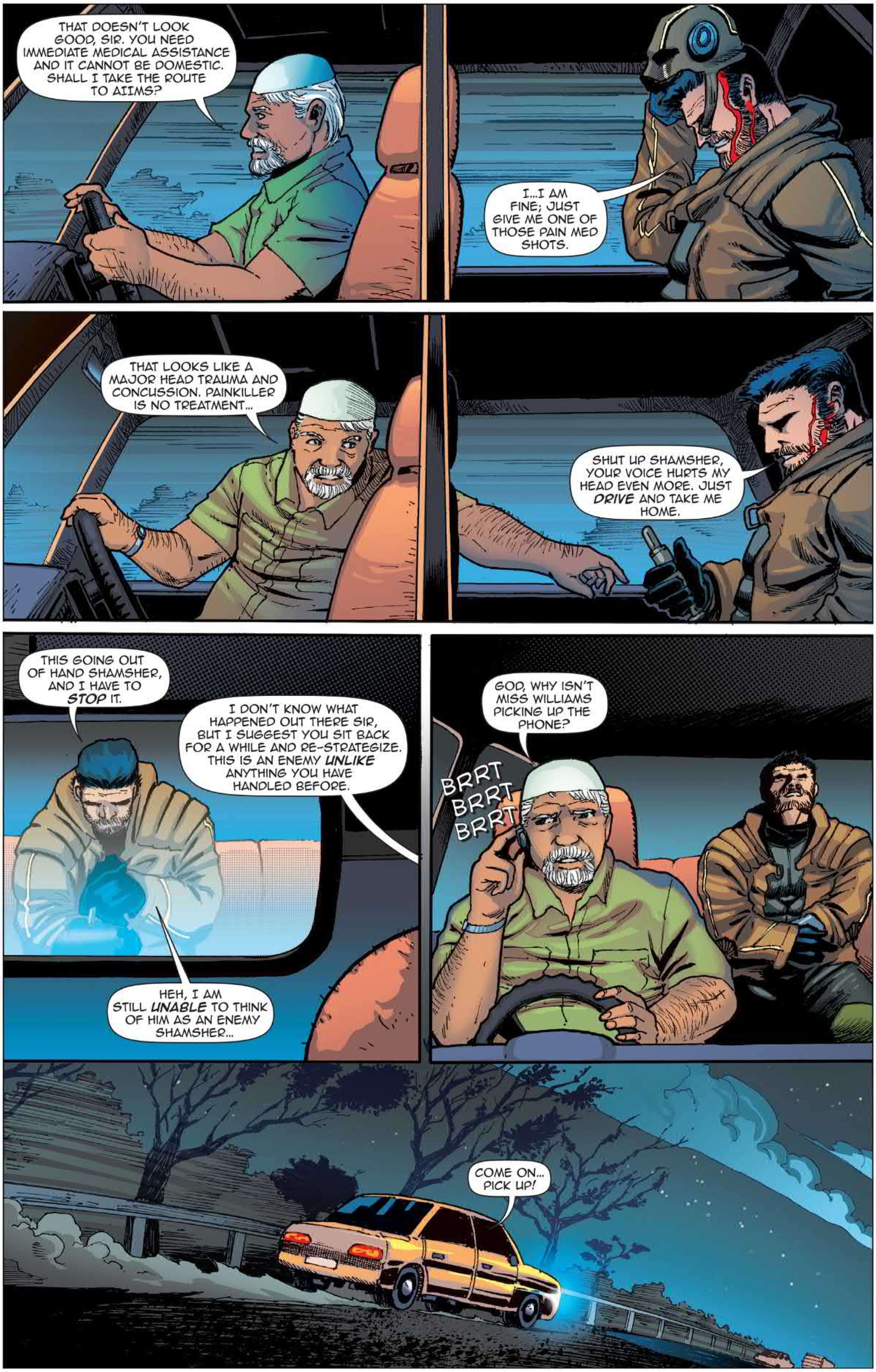
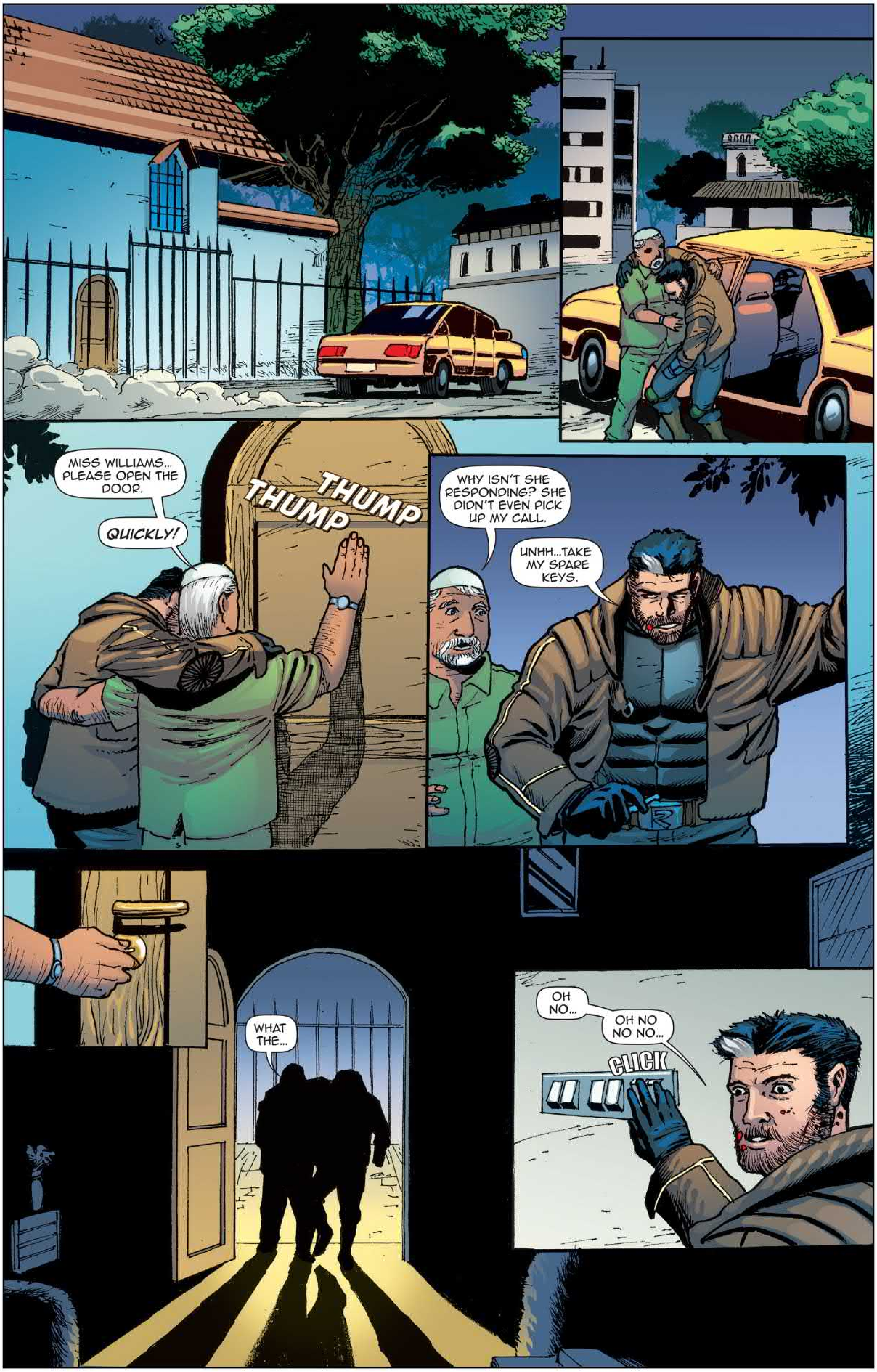
GO AHEAD AABIDA. JUSTICE IS *YOURS*.
AABIDA... NO...THIS IS *NOT* JUSTICE.
HE IS TURNING YOU INTO A *MURDERER*, JUST LIKE HIM!
JUSTICE?
THIS-IS-JUSTICE!
KA-BLAM

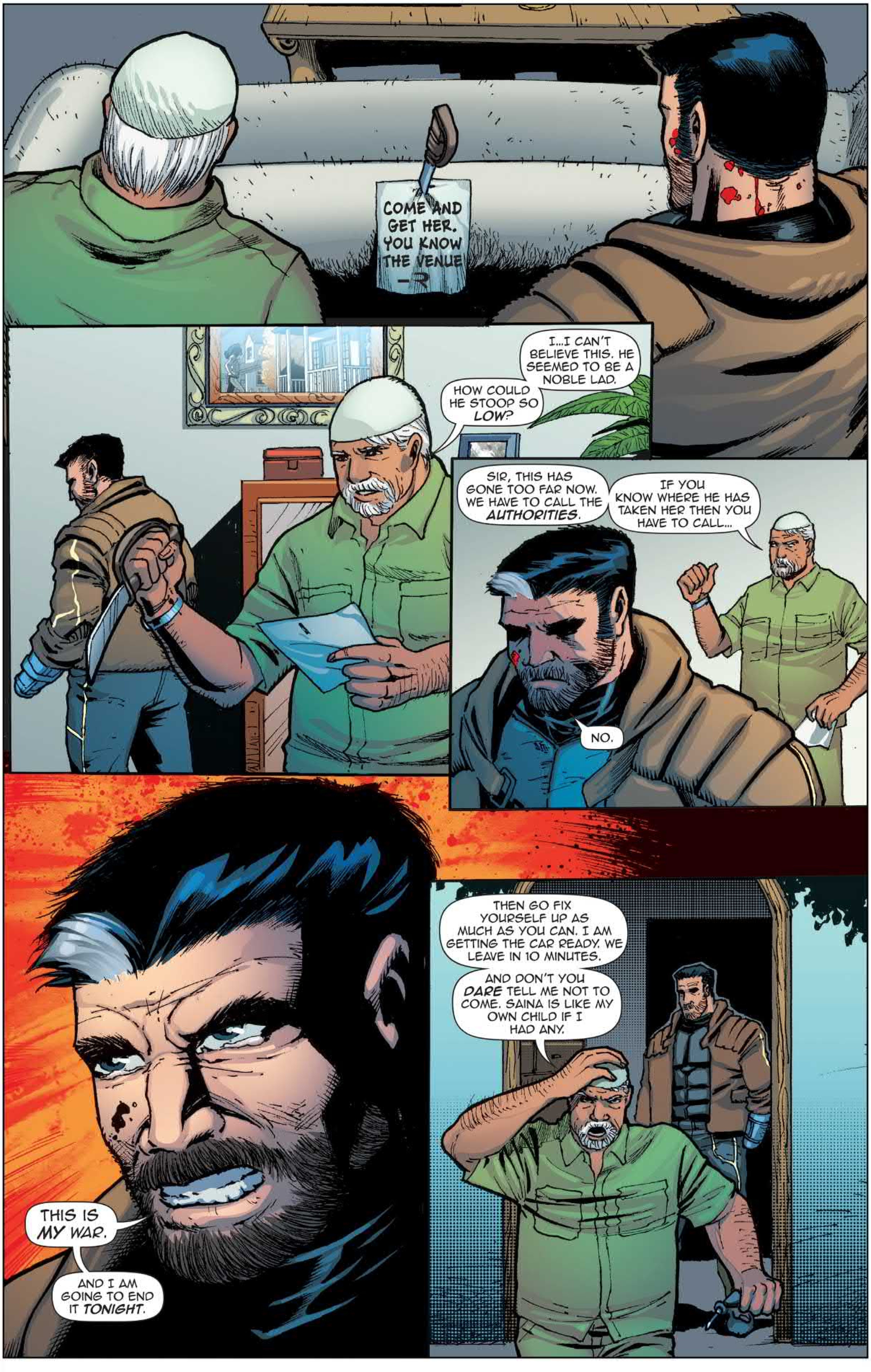

NO... NO...NO...
AAAAAAAA
YOU SEE RAKSHAK?
THIS IS HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE. I HAVE PROVEN MY POINT.
YOU...HAVE... PROVEN... NOTHING...
YOU JUST MANIPULATED A BEREAVED WOMAN INTO COMMITTING MURDER.
YOU ARE WORSE THAN I THOUGHT.
YOU ARE DAMAGED!
HEH...WELL, I KNEW IT WOULD REQUIRE MORE THAN THIS TO CONVINCE YOU.
THIS WAS JUST THE TRAILER CAPTAIN. BY THE TIME THIS MOVIE ENDS, YOU WILL THINK EXACTLY LIKE ME.
COME, THE 'AUTHORITIES' ARE HERE.
WHAT OF HIM?
HE'S A BIG BOY, HE CAN FIND HIS WAY HOME.
WHEE-HOOO
WHEE-HOOO
WHEE-HOOO

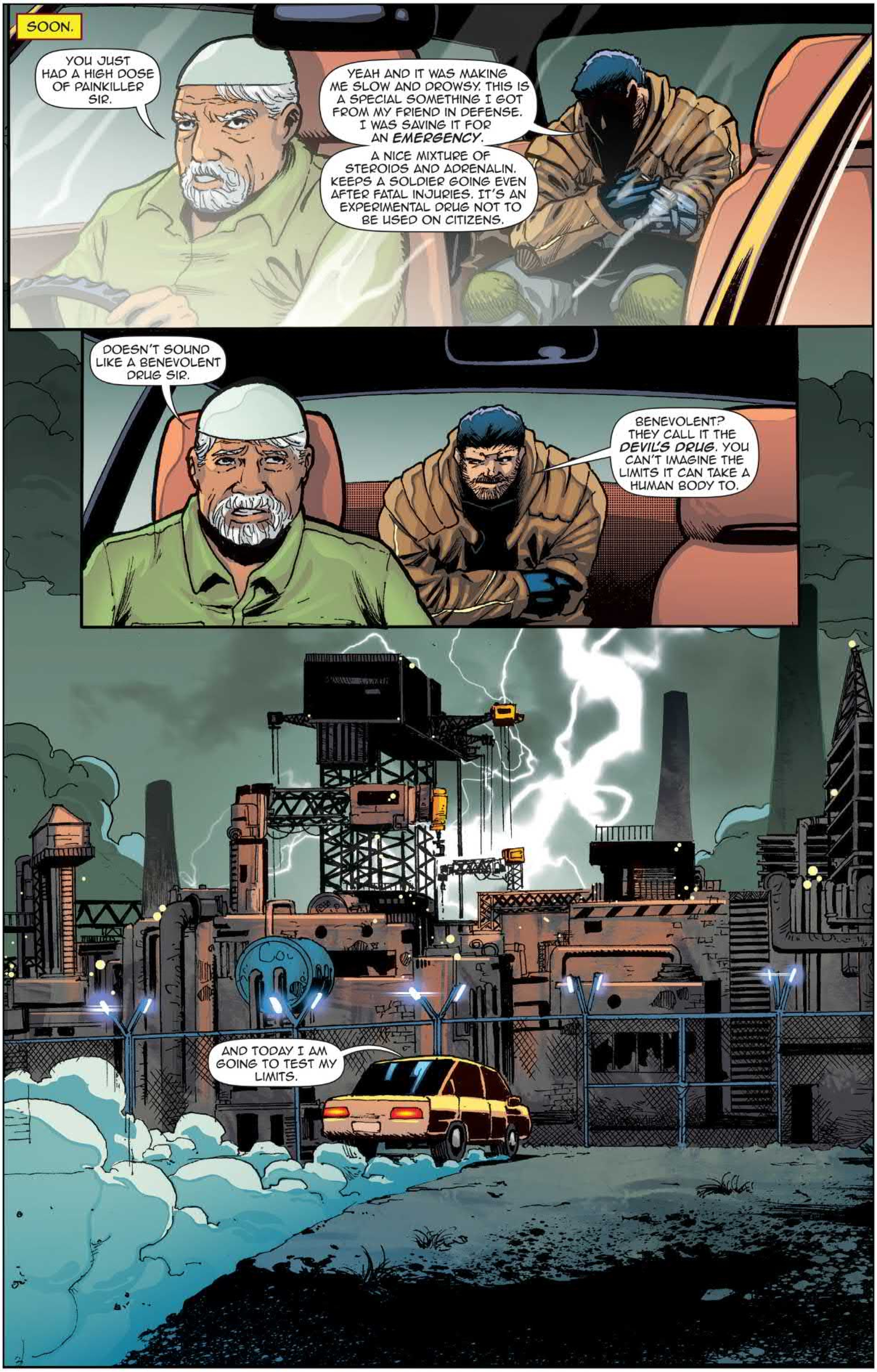

UH...UH...
MY FUCKING HEAD...
HEAD FEELS LIKE MY BRAIN IS BEING BULLDOZED.
KNEES ARE MADE OF JELLY.
IF THE COPS FINDS ME HERE I AM DONE FOR...
THIS IS IT...
THIS IS THE END OF RAKSHAK.
YOU TELL ME WHERE I DROP YOU...
POLICE COMING, NOT SAFE.
UHNN...
KARIM MARG...THE STREET THAT CUTS THROUGH THE HIGHWAY TO AZIMGANJ, BESIDE THE POWER STATION... UGHH
IT'S VERY FAR FROM HERE...
NO WORRIES...
AKINTUNDE STRONG.

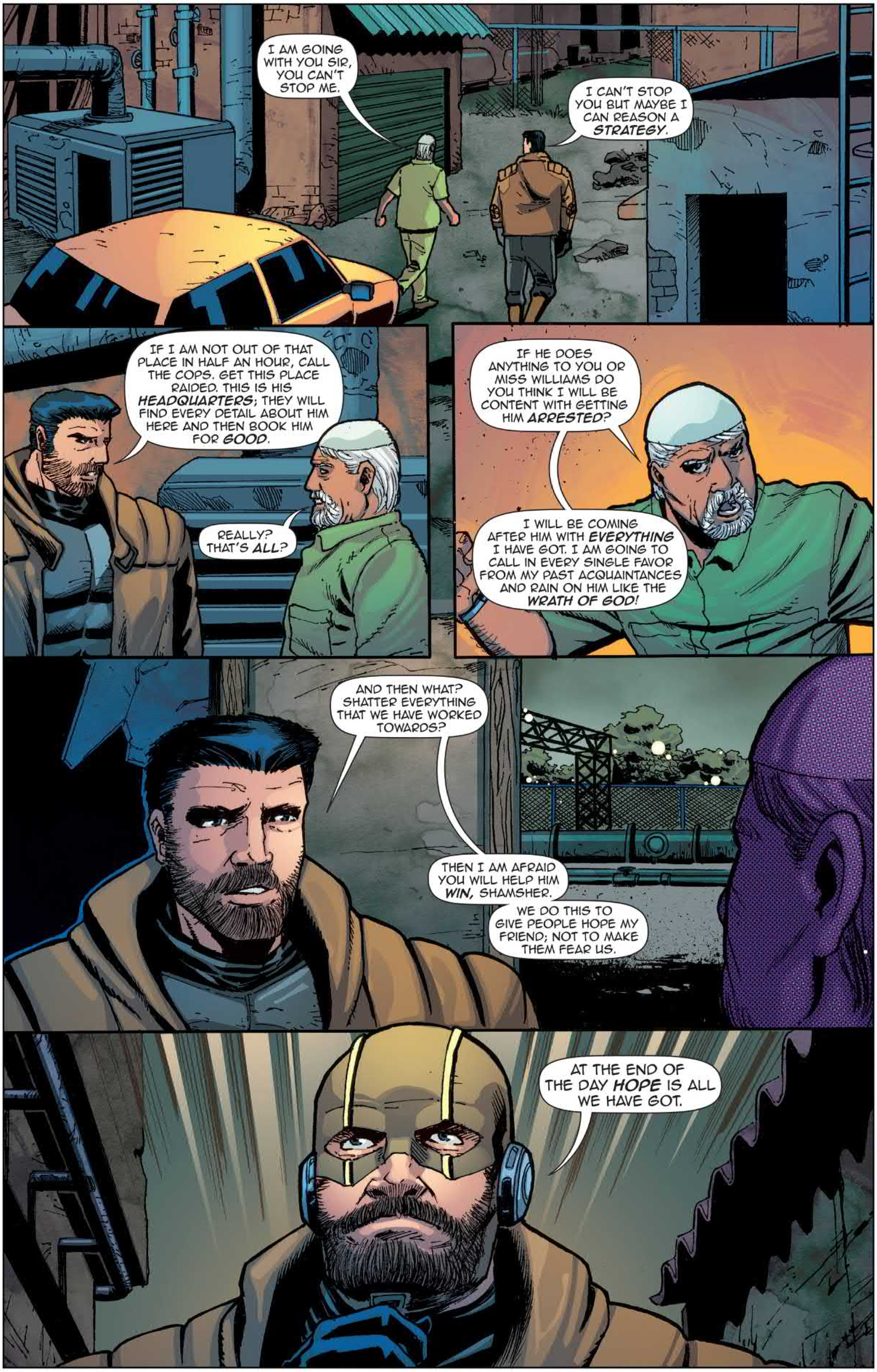

OH MY GOD!
CAREFUL...
I NEED TO TAKE YOU TO A HOSPITAL.
NO...JUST TAKE ME HOME. IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS.
YOU ARE REALLY HURT SIR!
JUST GET ME HOME SHAMSHER.
AND THANK YOU AKINDTUNDE...
RAKSAK...
...AKINTUNDE STILL WEARS THIS WITH PRIDE.

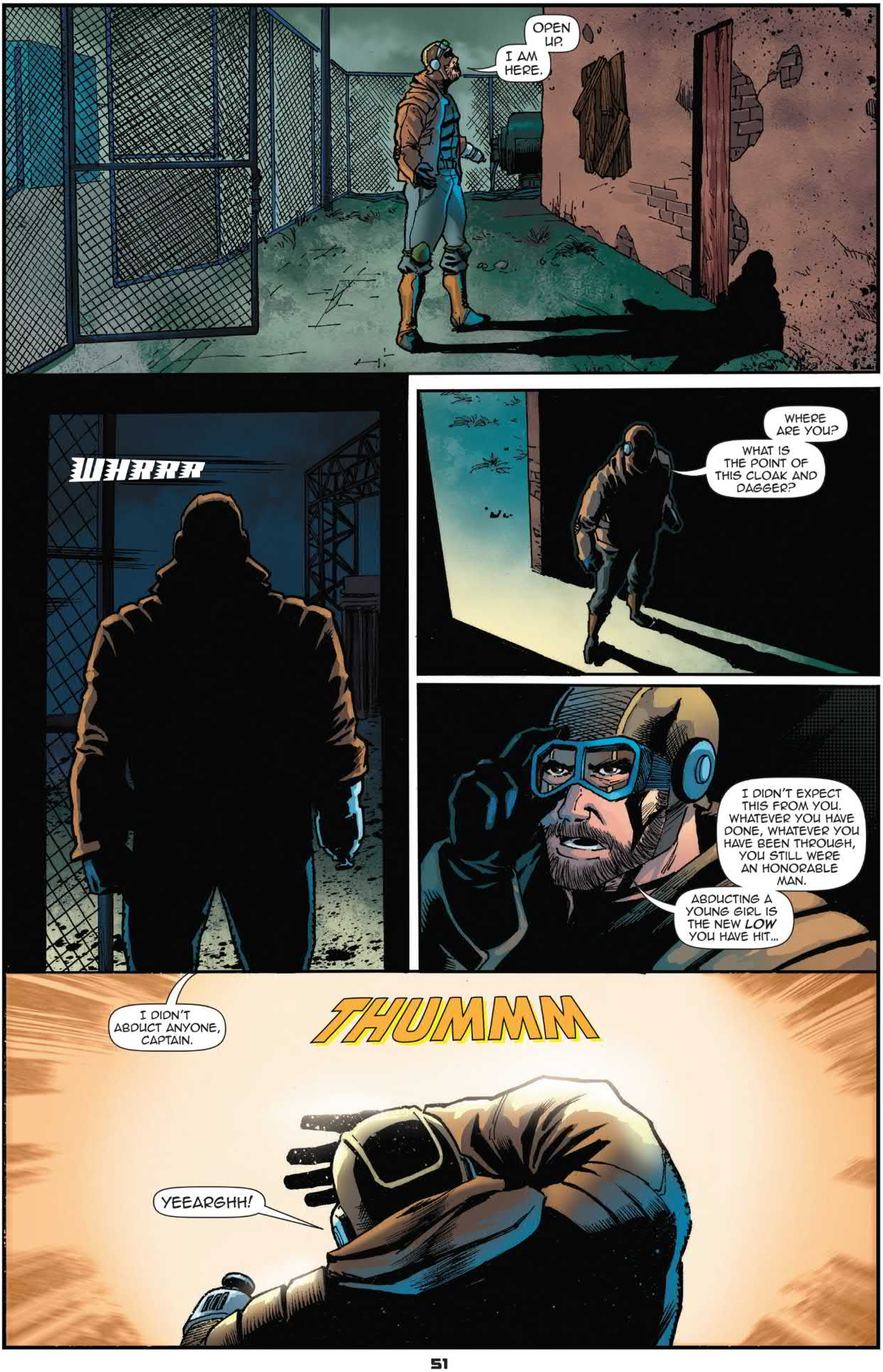

THAT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD, SIR. YOU NEED IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND IT CANNOT BE DOMESTIC. SHALL I TAKE THE ROUTE TO AIIMS?
I...I AM FINE; JUST GIVE ME ONE OF THOSE PAIN MED SHOTS.
THAT LOOKS LIKE A MAJOR HEAD TRAUMA AND CONCUSSION. PAINKILLER IS NO TREATMENT...
SHUT UP SHAMSHER, YOUR VOICE HURTS MY HEAD EVEN MORE. JUST *DRIVE* AND TAKE ME HOME.
THIS GOING OUT OF HAND SHAMSHER, AND I HAVE TO *STOP* IT.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED OUT THERE SIR, BUT I SUGGEST YOU SIT BACK FOR A WHILE AND RE-STRATEGIZE. THIS IS AN ENEMY *UNLIKE* ANYTHING YOU HAVE HANDLED BEFORE.
HEH, I AM STILL *UNABLE* TO THINK OF HIM AS AN ENEMY SHAMSHER...
GOD, WHY ISN'T MISS WILLIAMS PICKING UP THE PHONE?
BRRT BRRT BRRT
COME ON... PICK UP!

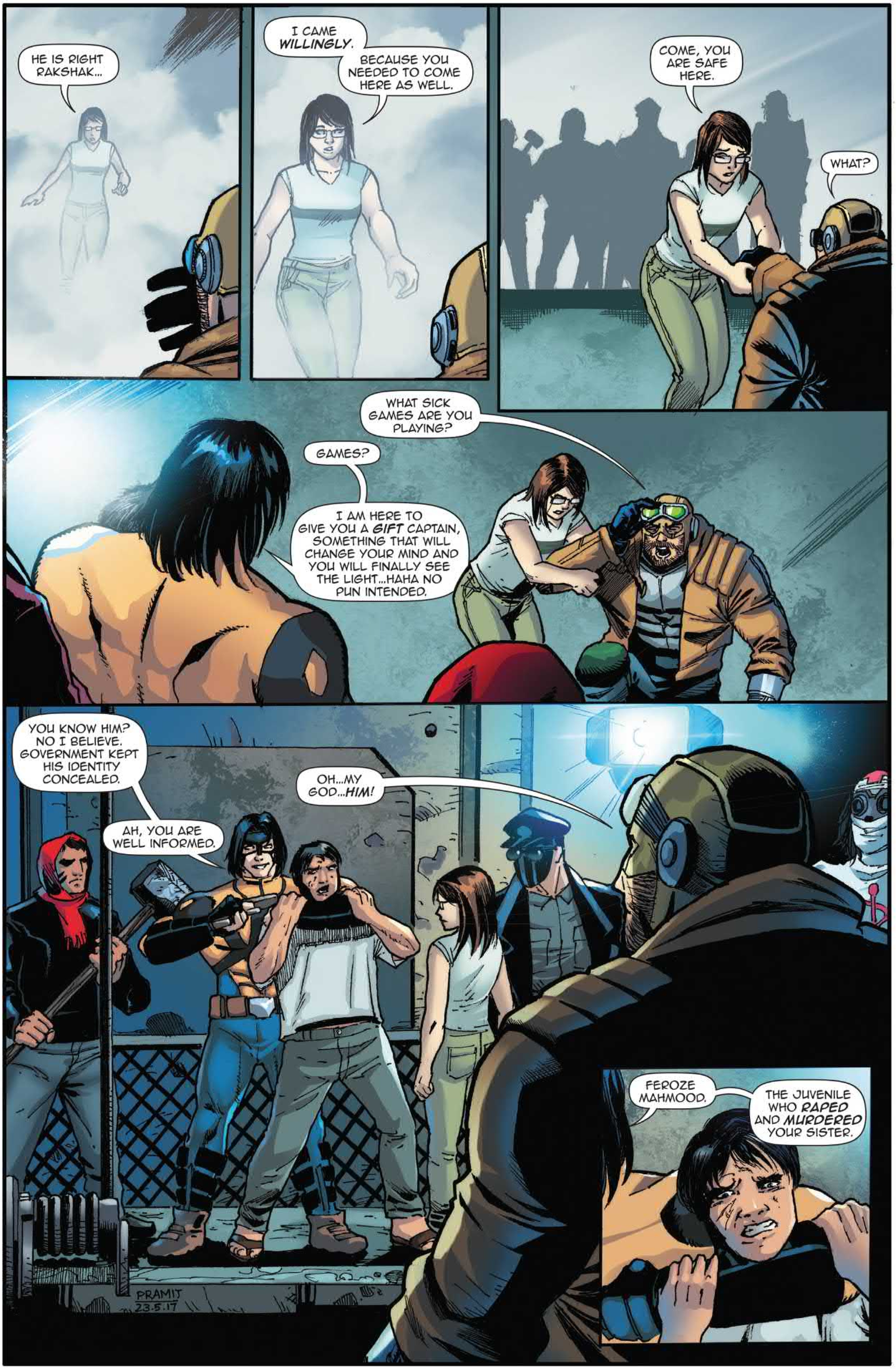

MISS WILLIAMS... PLEASE OPEN THE DOOR.
QUICKLY!
THUMP
THUMP
WHY ISN'T SHE RESPONDING? SHE DIDN'T EVEN PICK UP MY CALL.
UNHH...TAKE MY SPARE KEYS.
WHAT THE...
OH NO...
OH NO NO NO...
CLICK


COME AND GET HER. YOU KNOW THE VENUE —R
I...I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS. HE SEEMED TO BE A NOBLE LAD.
HOW COULD HE STOOP SO *LOW*?
SIR, THIS HAS GONE TOO FAR NOW. WE HAVE TO CALL THE *AUTHORITIES*.
IF YOU KNOW WHERE HE HAS TAKEN HER THEN YOU HAVE TO CALL...
NO.
THIS IS *MY* WAR.
AND I AM GOING TO END IT *TONIGHT*.
THEN GO FIX YOURSELF UP AS MUCH AS YOU CAN. I AM GETTING THE CAR READY. WE LEAVE IN 10 MINUTES.
AND DON'T YOU *DARE* TELL ME NOT TO COME. SAINA IS LIKE MY OWN CHILD IF I HAD ANY.


SOON.
YOU JUST HAD A HIGH DOSE OF PAINKILLER SIR.
YEAH AND IT WAS MAKING ME SLOW AND DROWSY. THIS IS A SPECIAL SOMETHING I GOT FROM MY FRIEND IN DEFENSE. I WAS SAVING IT FOR AN *EMERGENCY*.
A NICE MIXTURE OF STEROIDS AND ADRENALIN. KEEPS A SOLDIER GOING EVEN AFTER FATAL INJURIES. IT'S AN EXPERIMENTAL DRUG NOT TO BE USED ON CITIZENS.
DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A BENEVOLENT DRUG SIR.
BENEVOLENT? THEY CALL IT THE *DEVIL'S DRUG*. YOU CAN'T IMAGINE THE LIMITS IT CAN TAKE A HUMAN BODY TO.
AND TODAY I AM GOING TO TEST MY LIMITS.


I AM GOING WITH YOU SIR, YOU CAN'T STOP ME.
I CAN'T STOP YOU BUT MAYBE I CAN REASON A *STRATEGY*.
IF I AM NOT OUT OF THAT PLACE IN HALF AN HOUR, CALL THE COPS. GET THIS PLACE RAIDED. THIS IS HIS *HEADQUARTERS*; THEY WILL FIND EVERY DETAIL ABOUT HIM HERE AND THEN BOOK HIM FOR *GOOD*.
REALLY? THAT'S *ALL*?
IF HE DOES ANYTHING TO YOU OR MISS WILLIAMS DO YOU THINK I WILL BE CONTENT WITH GETTING HIM *ARRESTED*?
I WILL BE COMING AFTER HIM WITH *EVERYTHING* I HAVE GOT. I AM GOING TO CALL IN EVERY SINGLE FAVOR FROM MY PAST ACQUAINTANCES AND RAIN ON HIM LIKE THE *WRATH OF GOD*!
AND THEN WHAT? SHATTER EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE WORKED TOWARDS?
THEN I AM AFRAID YOU WILL HELP HIM *WIN,* SHAMSHER.
WE DO THIS TO GIVE PEOPLE HOPE MY FRIEND; NOT TO MAKE THEM FEAR US.
AT THE END OF THE DAY *HOPE* IS ALL WE HAVE GOT.


OPEN UP.
I AM HERE.
WHRRR
WHERE ARE YOU?
WHAT IS THE POINT OF THIS CLOAK AND DAGGER?
I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS FROM YOU. WHATEVER YOU HAVE DONE, WHATEVER YOU HAVE BEEN THROUGH, YOU STILL WERE AN HONORABLE MAN.
ABDUCTING A YOUNG GIRL IS THE NEW *LOW* YOU HAVE HIT...
I DIDN'T ABDUCT ANYONE, CAPTAIN.
THUMMM
YEEARGHH!


HE IS RIGHT RAKSHAK...
I CAME *WILLINGLY*.
BECAUSE YOU NEEDED TO COME HERE AS WELL.
COME, YOU ARE SAFE HERE.
WHAT?
WHAT SICK GAMES ARE YOU PLAYING?
GAMES?
I AM HERE TO GIVE YOU A *GIFT* CAPTAIN, SOMETHING THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR MIND AND YOU WILL FINALLY SEE THE LIGHT...HAHA NO PUN INTENDED.
YOU KNOW HIM? NO I BELIEVE. GOVERNMENT KEPT HIS IDENTITY CONCEALED.
AH, YOU ARE WELL INFORMED.
OH...MY GOD...*HIM!*
FEROZE MAHMOOD.
THE JUVENILE WHO *RAPED* AND *MURDERED* YOUR SISTER.
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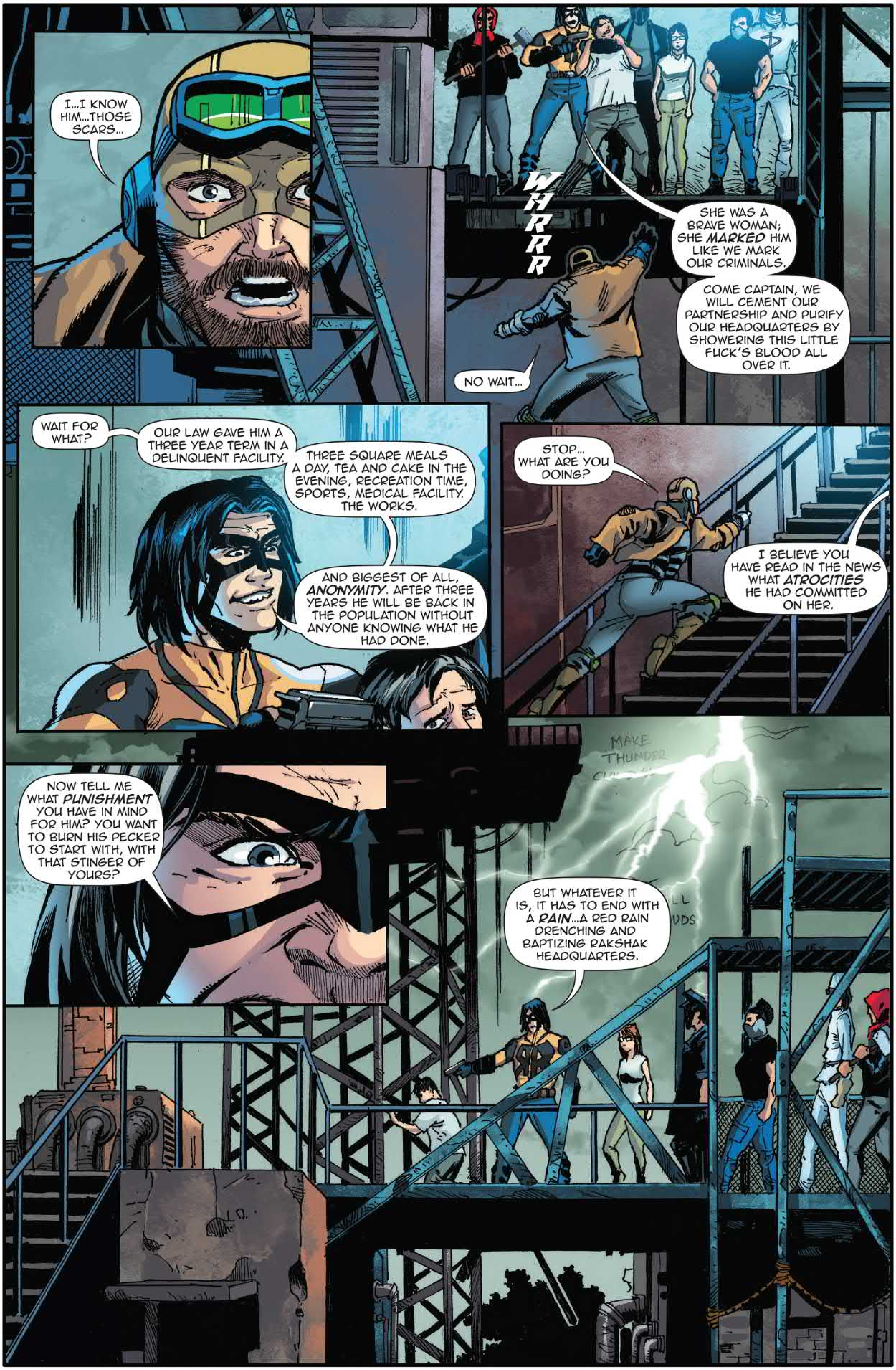
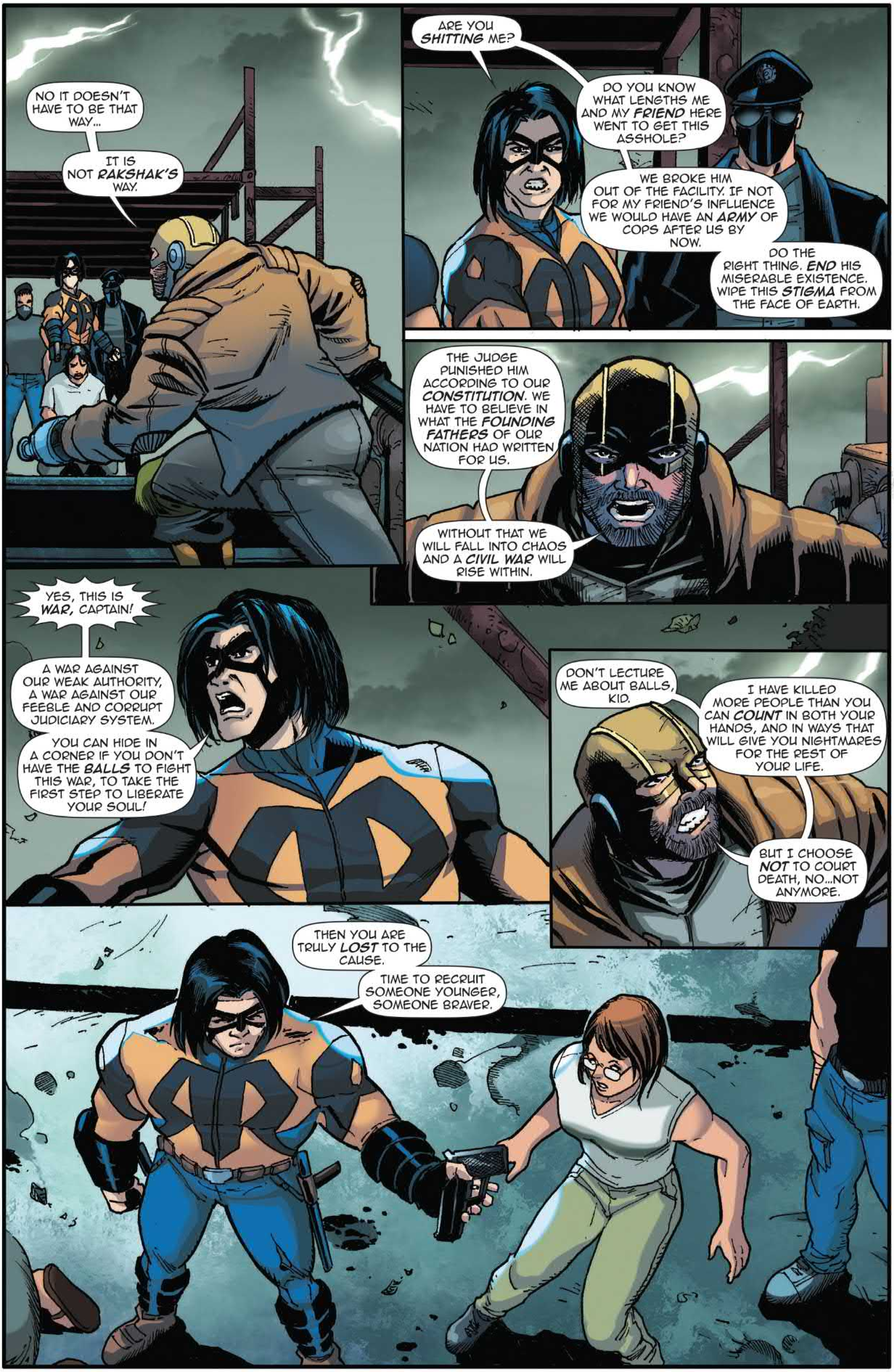
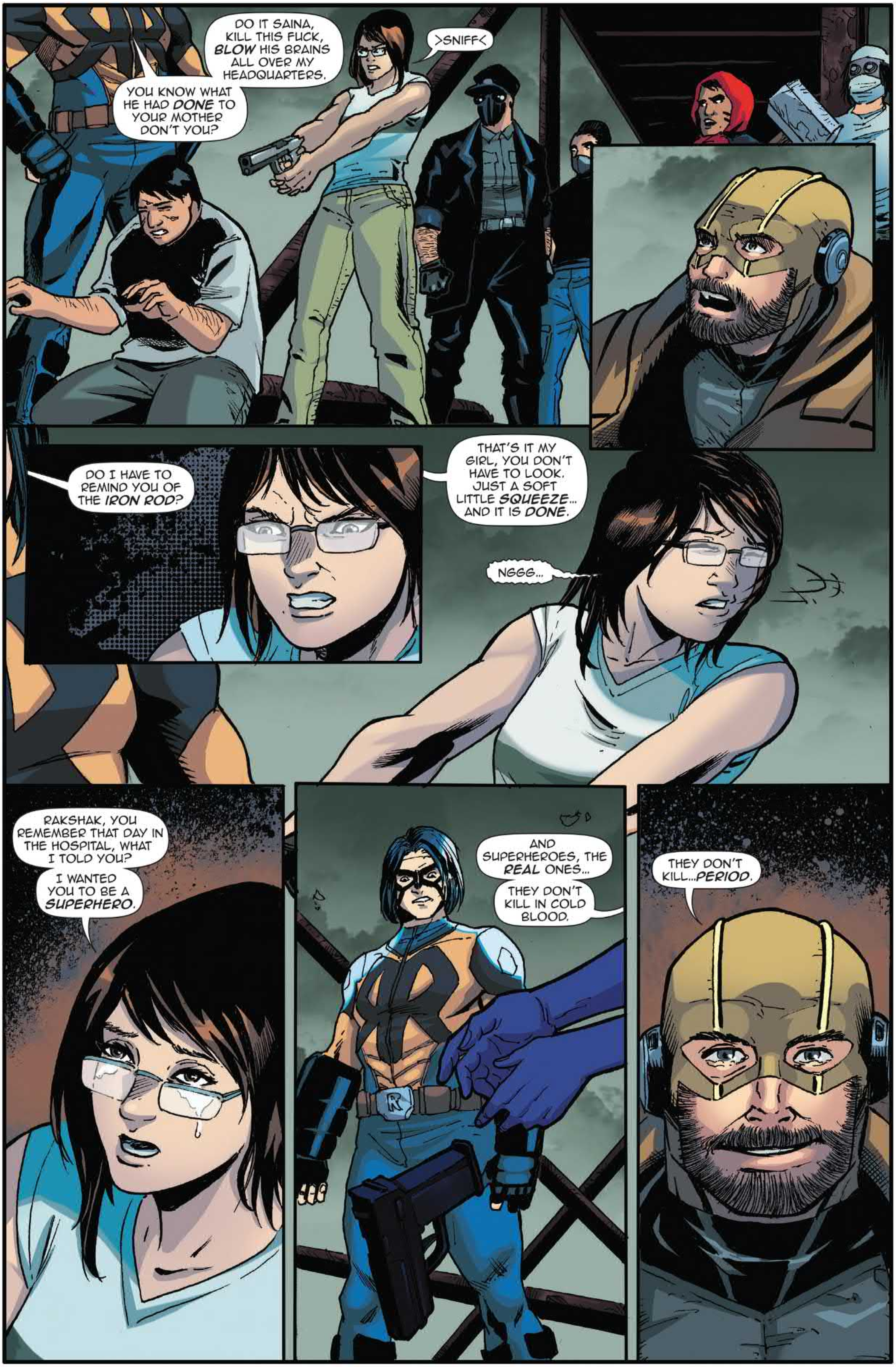
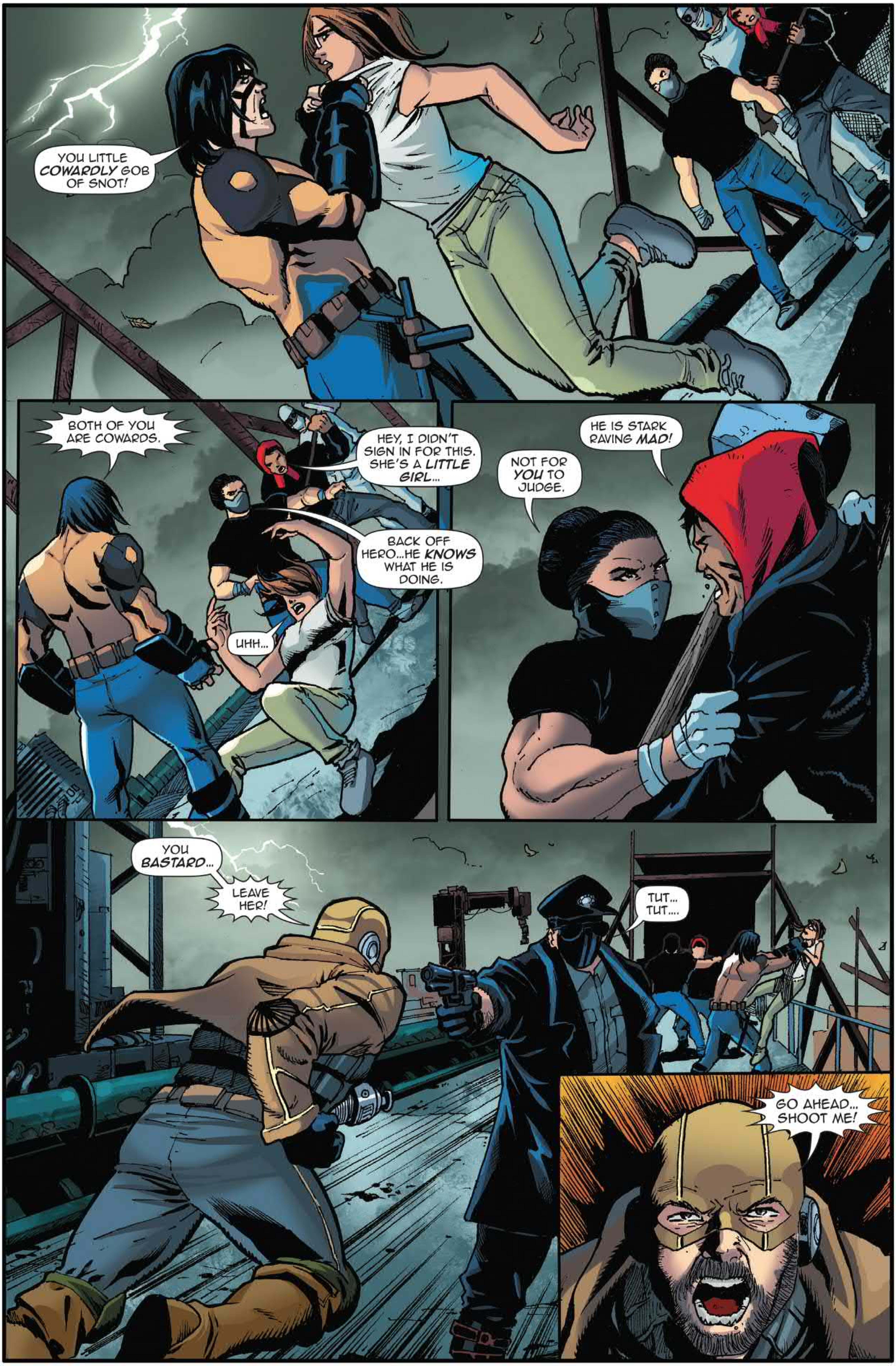
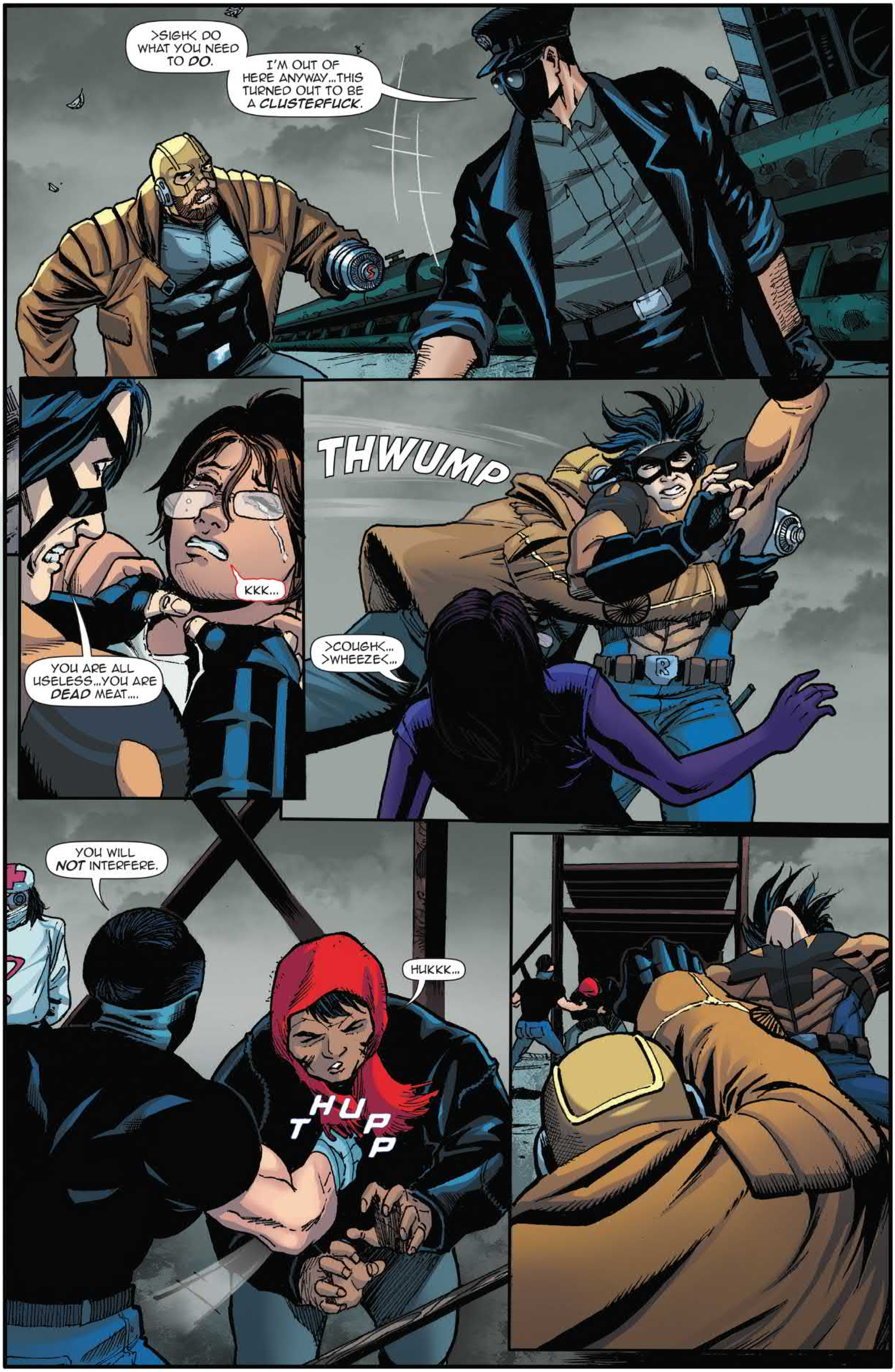
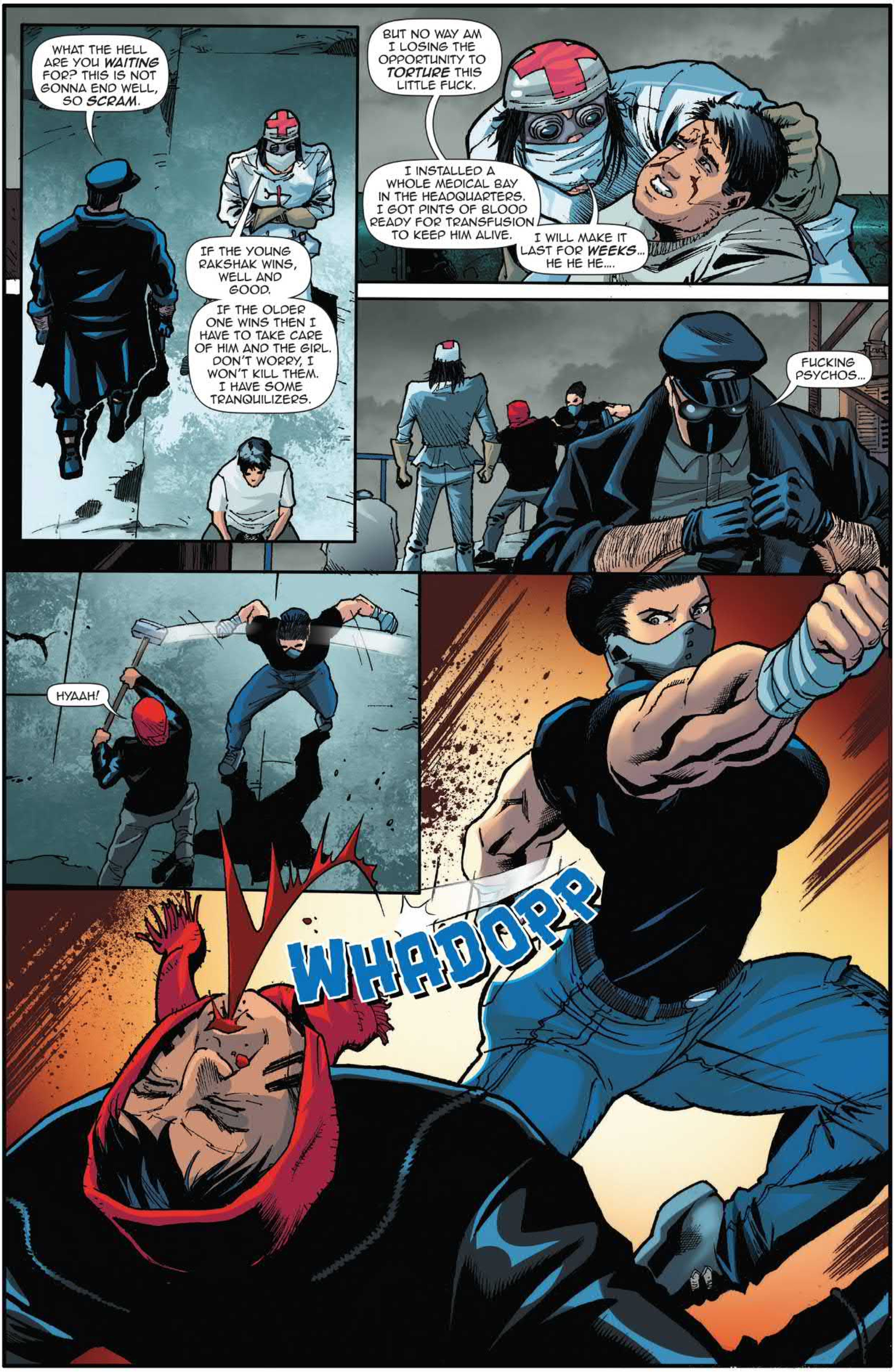

I...I KNOW HIM...THOSE SCARS...
WHRRR
SHE WAS A BRAVE WOMAN; SHE *MARKED* HIM LIKE WE MARK OUR CRIMINALS.
COME CAPTAIN, WE WILL CEMENT OUR PARTNERSHIP AND PURIFY OUR HEADQUARTERS BY SHOWERING THIS LITTLE FUCK'S BLOOD ALL OVER IT.
NO WAIT...
WAIT FOR WHAT?
OUR LAW GAVE HIM A THREE YEAR TERM IN A DELINQUENT FACILITY.
THREE SQUARE MEALS A DAY, TEA AND CAKE IN THE EVENING, RECREATION TIME, SPORTS, MEDICAL FACILITY. THE WORKS.
AND BIGGEST OF ALL, *ANONYMITY*. AFTER THREE YEARS HE WILL BE BACK IN THE POPULATION WITHOUT ANYONE KNOWING WHAT HE HAD DONE.
STOP... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I BELIEVE YOU HAVE READ IN THE NEWS WHAT *ATROCITIES* HE HAD COMMITTED ON HER.
NOW TELL ME WHAT *PUNISHMENT* YOU HAVE IN MIND FOR HIM? YOU WANT TO BURN HIS PECKER TO START WITH, WITH THAT STINGER OF YOURS?
MAKE THUNDER
BUT WHATEVER IT IS, IT HAS TO END WITH A *RAIN*...A RED RAIN DRENCHING AND BAPTIZING RAKSHAK HEADQUARTERS.

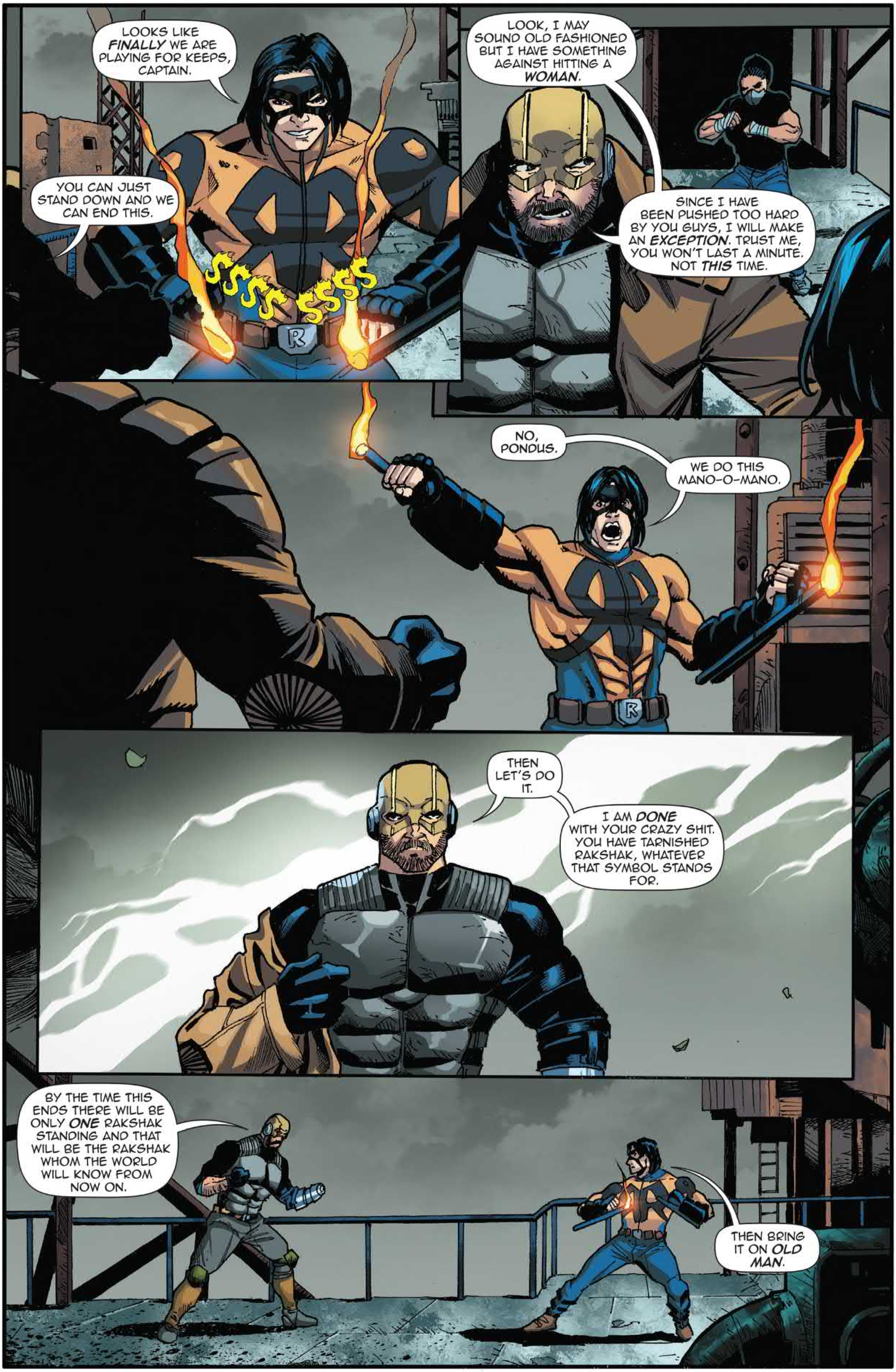

NO IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THAT WAY...
IT IS NOT *RAKSHAK'S* WAY.
ARE YOU *SHITTING* ME?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT LENGTHS ME AND MY *FRIEND* HERE WENT TO GET THIS ASSHOLE?
WE BROKE HIM OUT OF THE FACILITY. IF NOT FOR MY FRIEND'S INFLUENCE WE WOULD HAVE AN *ARMY* OF COPS AFTER US BY NOW.
DO THE RIGHT THING. *END* HIS MISERABLE EXISTENCE. WIPE THIS *STIGMA* FROM THE FACE OF EARTH.
THE JUDGE PUNISHED HIM ACCORDING TO OUR *CONSTITUTION*. WE HAVE TO BELIEVE IN WHAT THE *FOUNDING FATHERS* OF OUR NATION HAD WRITTEN FOR US.
WITHOUT THAT WE WILL FALL INTO CHAOS AND A *CIVIL WAR* WILL RISE WITHIN.
YES, THIS IS *WAR,* CAPTAIN!
A WAR AGAINST OUR WEAK AUTHORITY, A WAR AGAINST OUR FEEBLE AND CORRUPT JUDICIARY SYSTEM.
YOU CAN HIDE IN A CORNER IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE *BALLS* TO FIGHT THIS WAR, TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP TO LIBERATE YOUR SOUL!
DON'T LECTURE ME ABOUT BALLS, KID.
I HAVE KILLED MORE PEOPLE THAN YOU CAN *COUNT* IN BOTH YOUR HANDS, AND IN WAYS THAT WILL GIVE YOU NIGHTMARES FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
BUT I CHOOSE *NOT* TO COURT DEATH, NO...NOT ANYMORE.
THEN YOU ARE TRULY *LOST* TO THE CAUSE.
TIME TO RECRUIT SOMEONE YOUNGER, SOMEONE BRAVER.

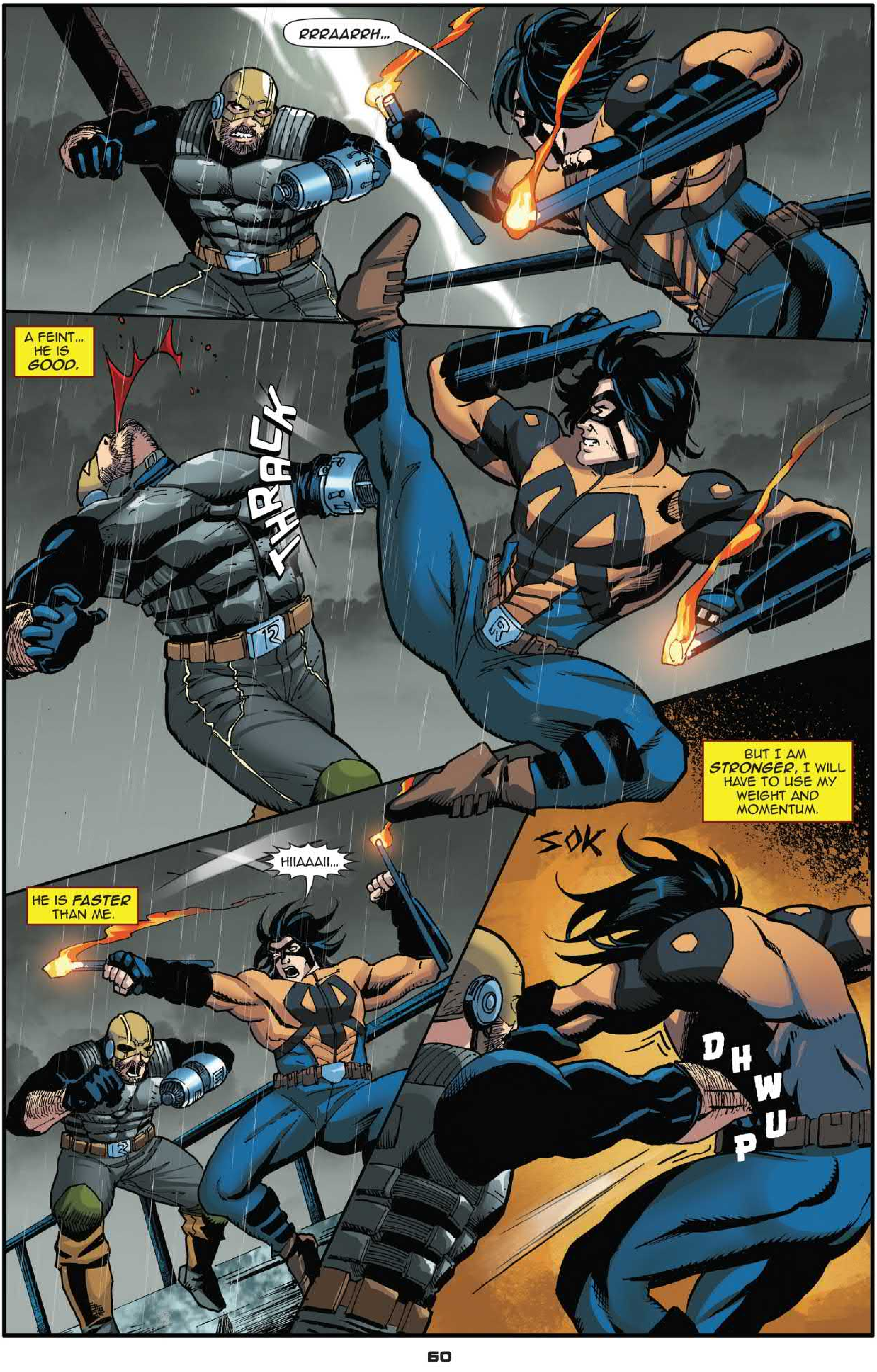

DO IT SAINA, KILL THIS FUCK, *BLOW* HIS BRAINS ALL OVER MY HEADQUARTERS.
YOU KNOW WHAT HE HAD *DONE* TO YOUR MOTHER DON'T YOU?
>SNIFF<
DO I HAVE TO REMIND YOU OF THE *IRON ROD*?
THAT'S IT MY GIRL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK. JUST A SOFT LITTLE *SQUEEZE*... AND IT IS *DONE*.
NGGG...
RAKSHAK, YOU REMEMBER THAT DAY IN THE HOSPITAL, WHAT I TOLD YOU?
I WANTED YOU TO BE A *SUPERHERO*.
AND SUPERHEROES, THE *REAL* ONES...
THEY DON'T KILL IN COLD BLOOD.
THEY DON'T KILL...*PERIOD*.

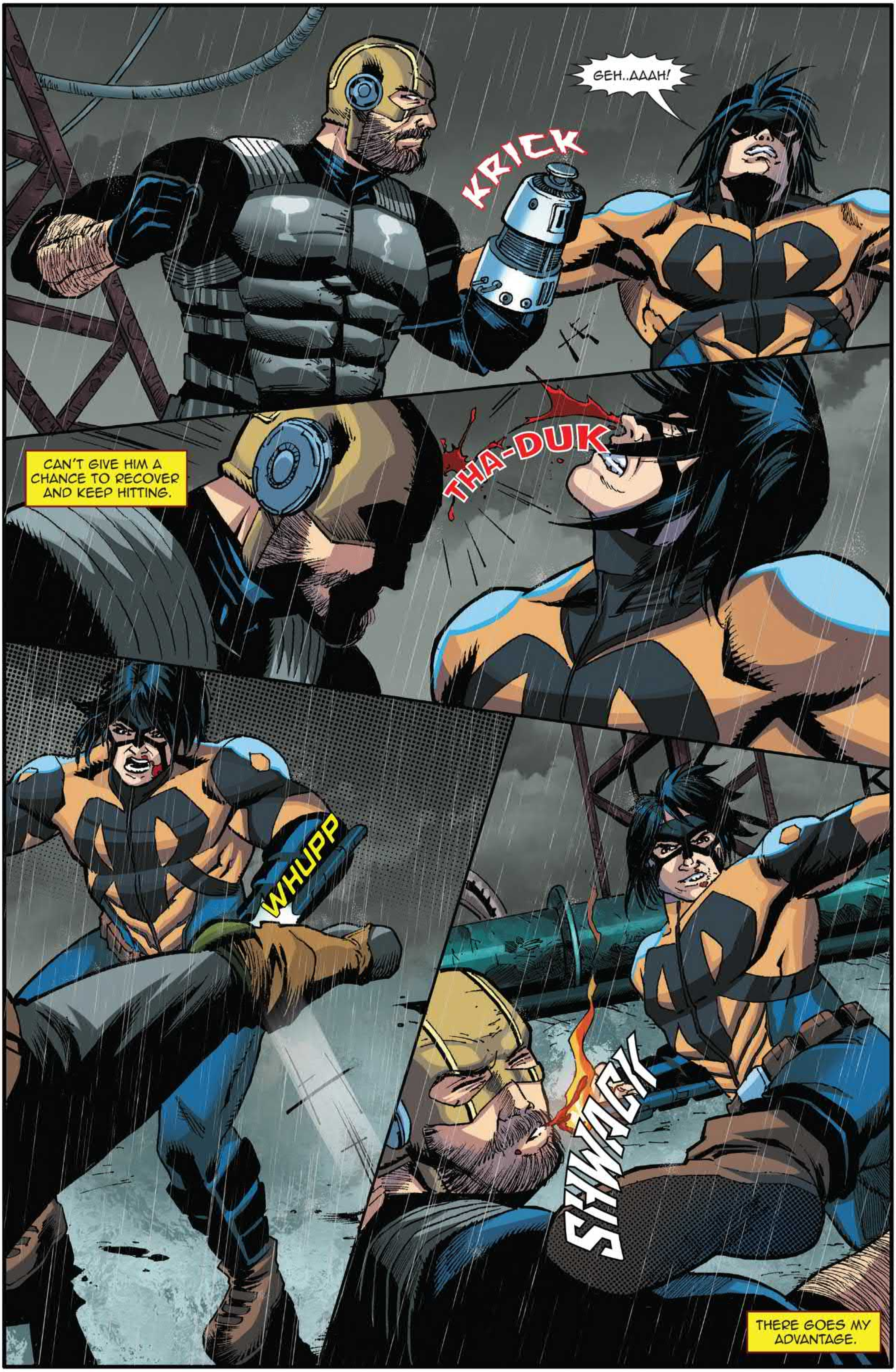

YOU LITTLE *COWARDLY* GOB OF SNOT!
BOTH OF YOU ARE COWARDS.
HEY, I DIDN'T SIGN IN FOR THIS. SHE'S A *LITTLE GIRL*...
BACK OFF HERO...HE *KNOWS* WHAT HE IS DOING.
UHH...
HE IS STARK RAVING *MAD!*
NOT FOR *YOU* TO JUDGE.
YOU *BASTARD*...
LEAVE HER!
TUT... TUT....
GO AHEAD... SHOOT ME!

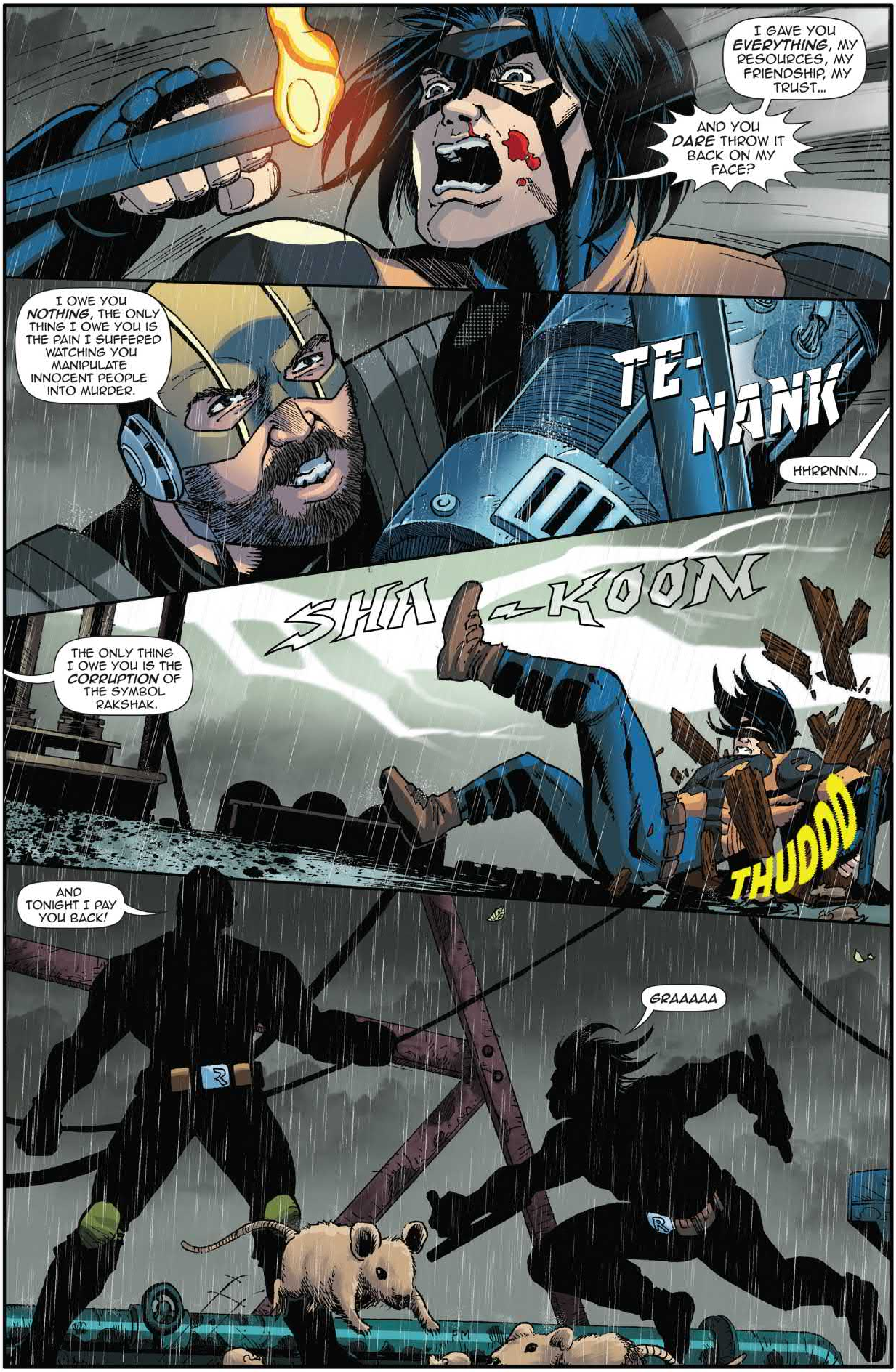

>SIGH< DO WHAT YOU NEED TO *DO*.
I'M OUT OF HERE ANYWAY...THIS TURNED OUT TO BE A *CLUSTERFUCK*.
KKK...
YOU ARE ALL USELESS...YOU ARE *DEAD* MEAT....
THWUMP
>COUGH<... >WHEEZE<...
YOU WILL *NOT* INTERFERE.
HUKKK...
THUPP

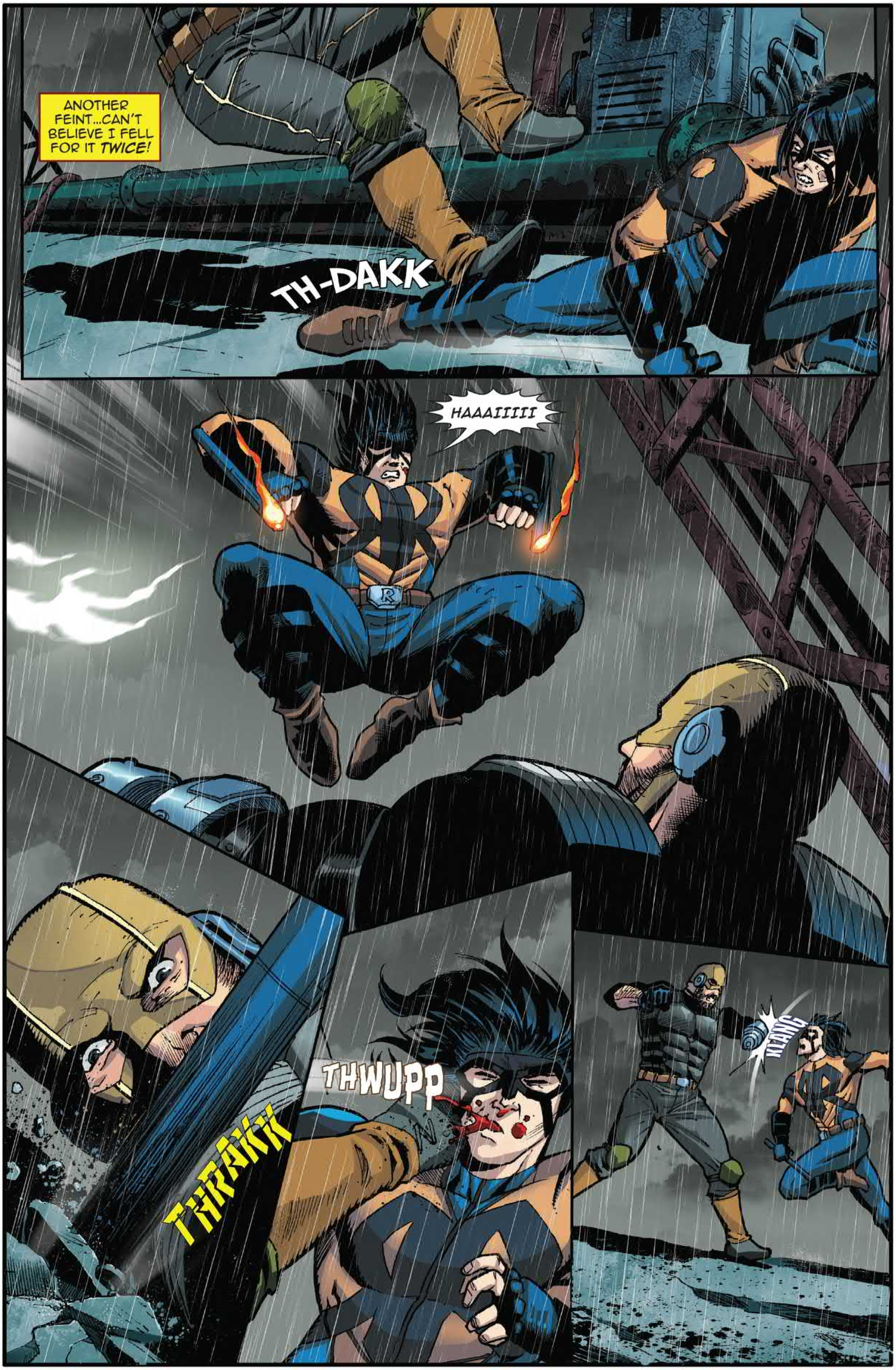

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU *WAITING* FOR? THIS IS NOT GONNA END WELL, SO *SCRAM*.
IF THE YOUNG RAKSHAK WINS, WELL AND GOOD.
IF THE OLDER ONE WINS THEN I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF HIM AND THE GIRL. DON'T WORRY, I WON'T KILL THEM. I HAVE SOME TRANQUILIZERS.
BUT NO WAY AM I LOSING THE OPPORTUNITY TO *TORTURE* THIS LITTLE FUCK.
I INSTALLED A WHOLE MEDICAL BAY IN THE HEADQUARTERS. I GOT PINTS OF BLOOD READY FOR TRANSFUSION TO KEEP HIM ALIVE.
I WILL MAKE IT LAST FOR *WEEKS*... HE HE HE....
FUCKING PSYCHOS...
HYAAH!
WHADOPP

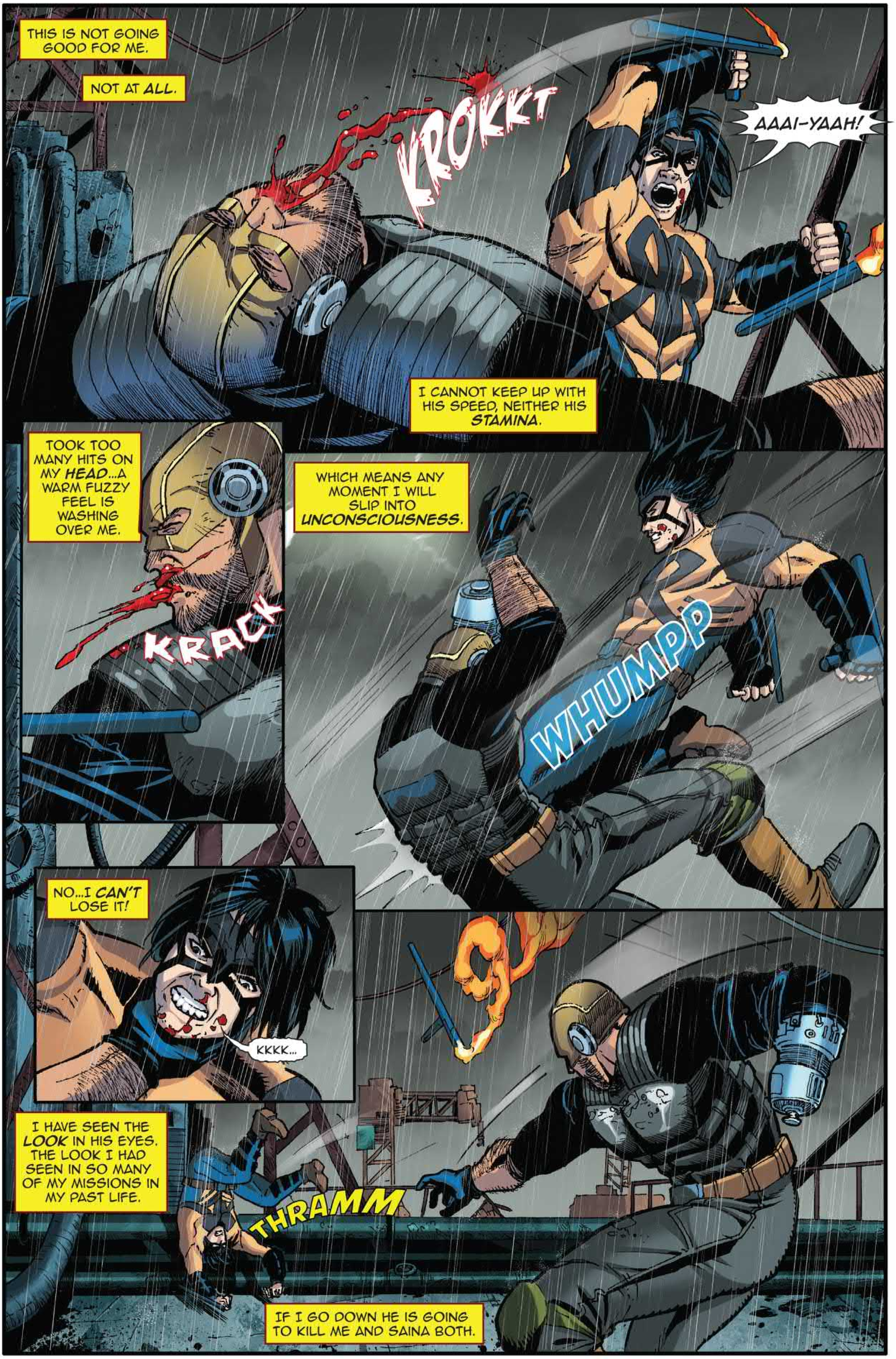

LOOKS LIKE *FINALLY* WE ARE PLAYING FOR KEEPS, CAPTAIN.
YOU CAN JUST STAND DOWN AND WE CAN END THIS.
SSSS SSSS
LOOK, I MAY SOUND OLD FASHIONED BUT I HAVE SOMETHING AGAINST HITTING A *WOMAN*.
SINCE I HAVE BEEN PUSHED TOO HARD BY YOU GUYS, I WILL MAKE AN *EXCEPTION*. TRUST ME, YOU WON'T LAST A MINUTE. NOT *THIS* TIME.
NO, PONDUS.
WE DO THIS MANO-O-MANO.
THEN LET'S DO IT.
I AM *DONE* WITH YOUR CRAZY SHIT. YOU HAVE TARNISHED RAKSHAK, WHATEVER THAT SYMBOL STANDS FOR.
BY THE TIME THIS ENDS THERE WILL BE ONLY *ONE* RAKSHAK STANDING AND THAT WILL BE THE RAKSHAK WHOM THE WORLD WILL KNOW FROM NOW ON.
THEN BRING IT ON *OLD MAN*.

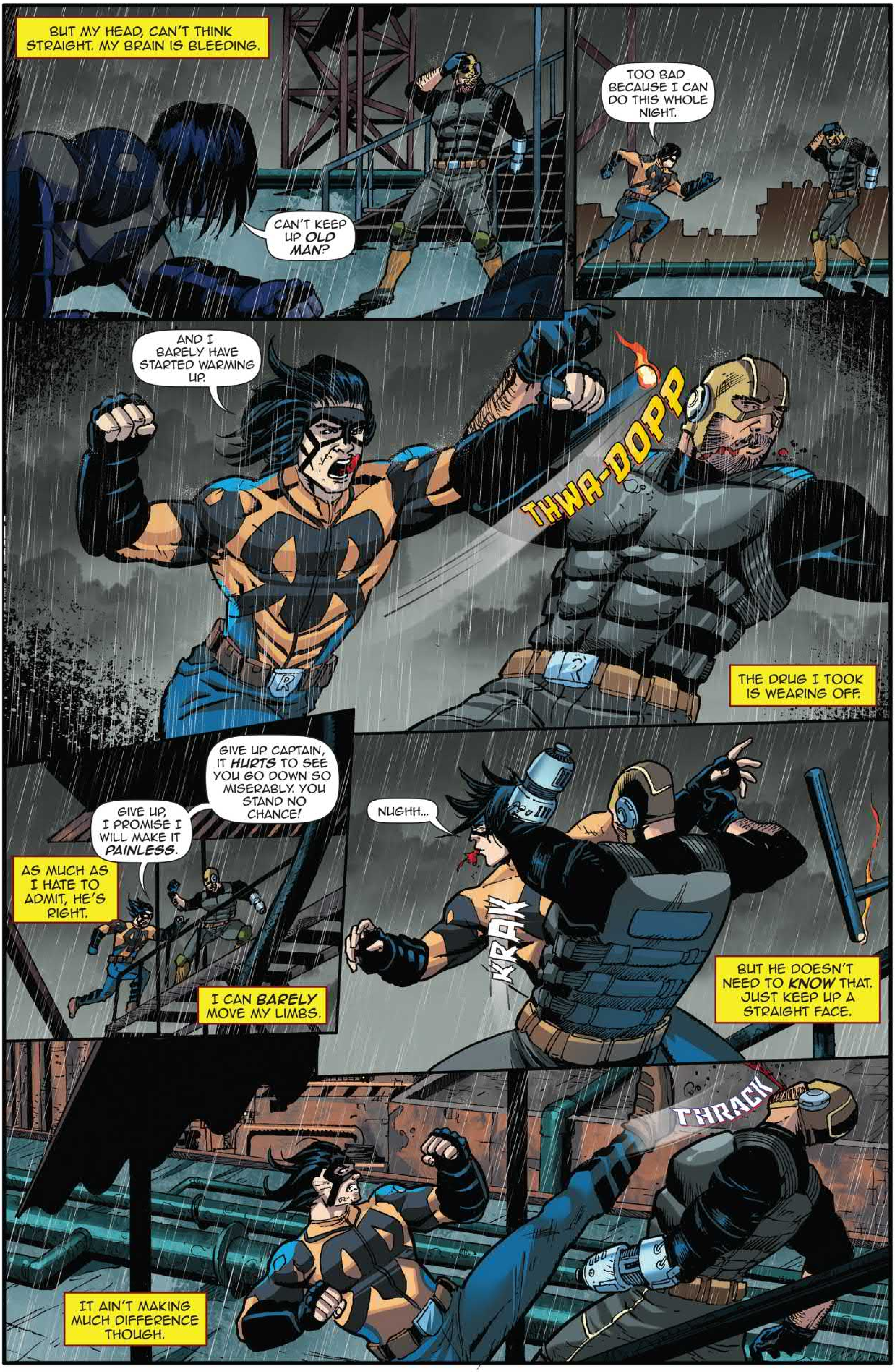

RRRAARRH...
A FEINT... HE IS *GOOD.*
THRACK
HE IS *FASTER* THAN ME.
HIIAAAII...
BUT I AM *STRONGER,* I WILL HAVE TO USE MY WEIGHT AND MOMENTUM.
SOK
DHWUP

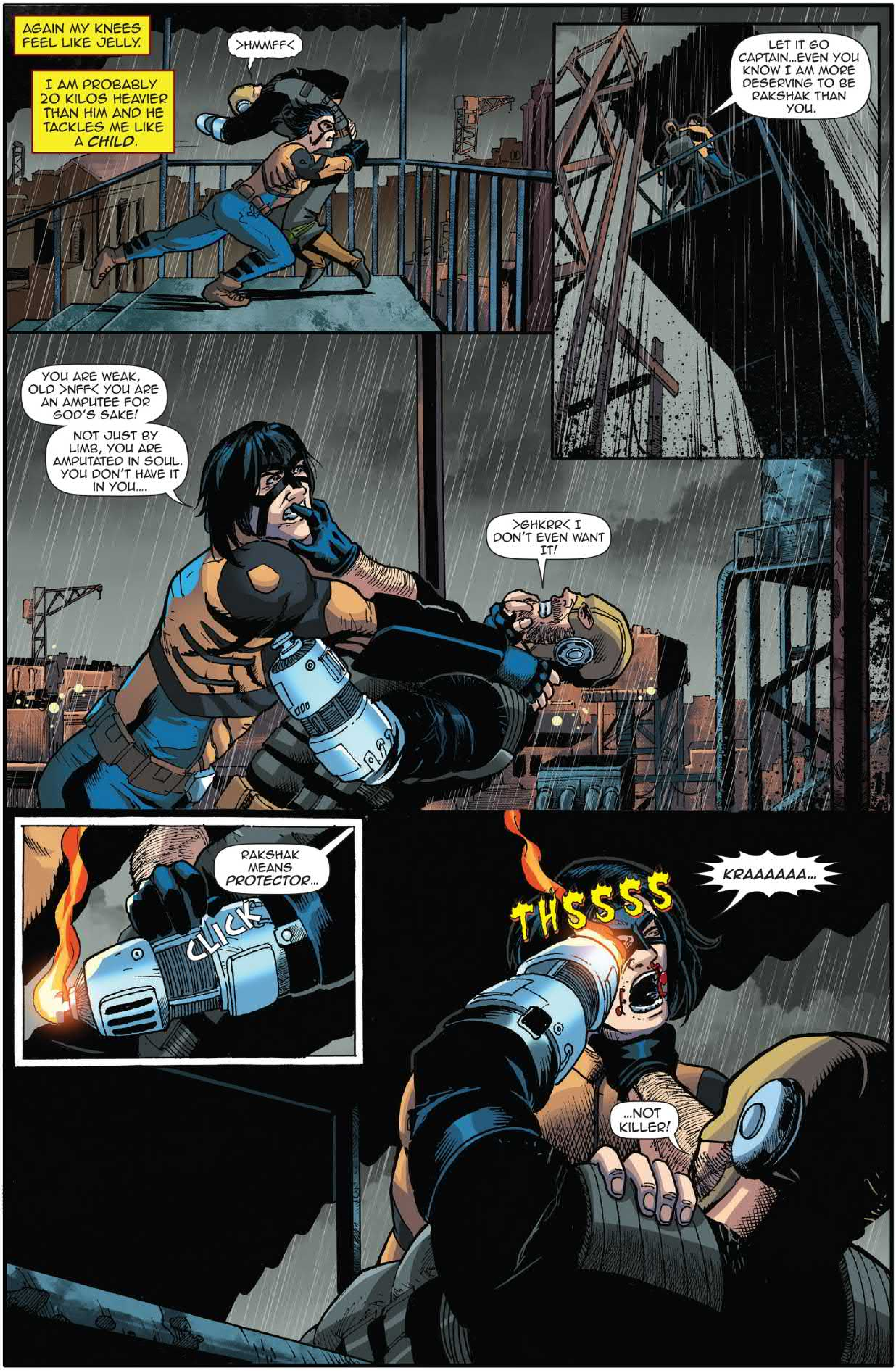

GEH..AAAH!
KRICK
CAN'T GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO RECOVER AND KEEP HITTING.
THA-DUK
WHUPP
SHWACK
THERE GOES MY ADVANTAGE.

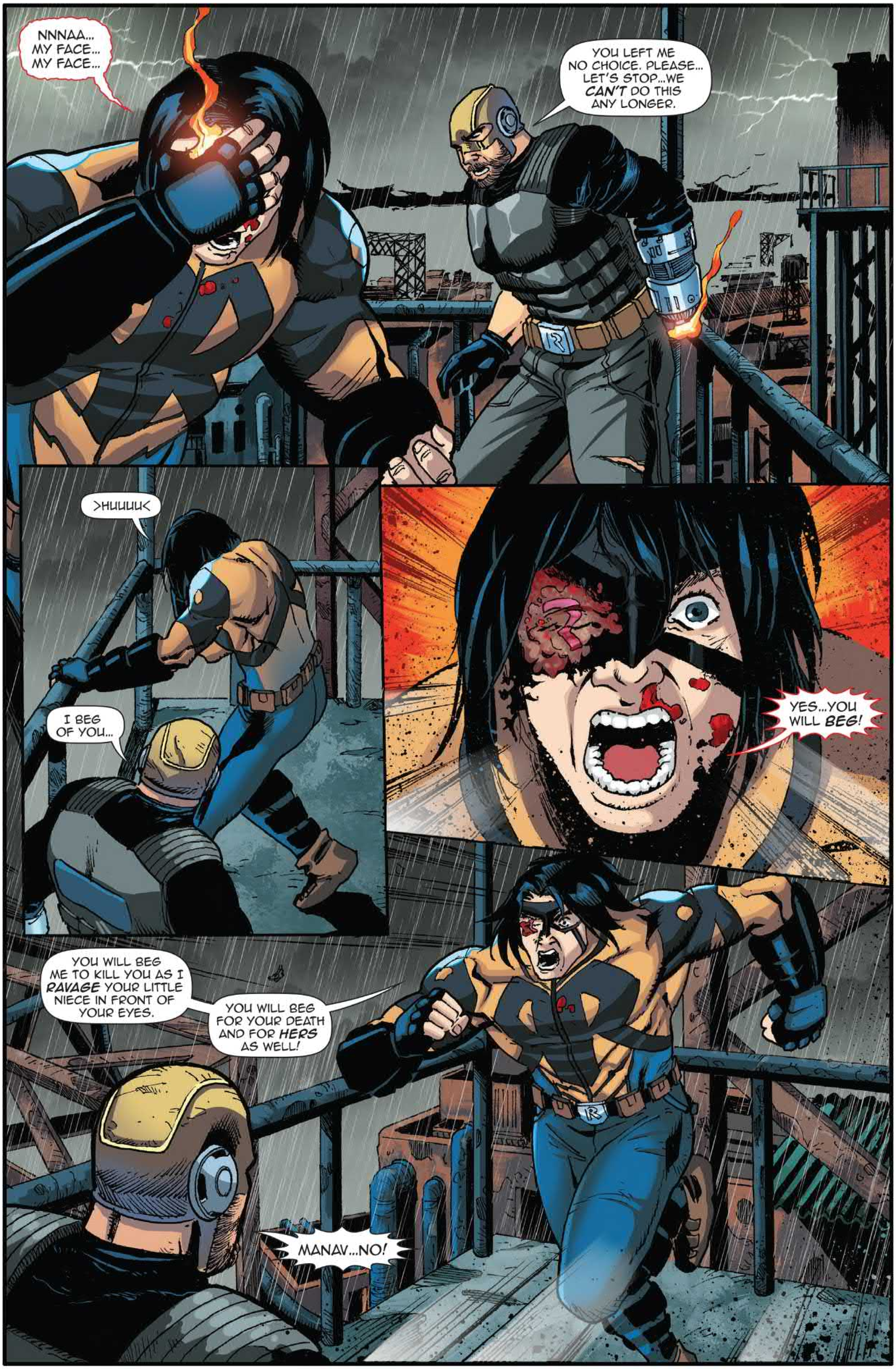

I GAVE YOU **EVERYTHING**, MY RESOURCES, MY FRIENDSHIP, MY TRUST...
AND YOU **DARE** THROW IT BACK ON MY FACE?
I OWE YOU **NOTHING**, THE ONLY THING I OWE YOU IS THE PAIN I SUFFERED WATCHING YOU MANIPULATE INNOCENT PEOPLE INTO MURDER.
TE-NANK
HHRRNNN...
SHA-KOOM
THE ONLY THING I OWE YOU IS THE **CORRUPTION** OF THE SYMBOL RAKSHAK.
THUDDD
AND TONIGHT I PAY YOU BACK!
GRAAAAA
R
R
FM

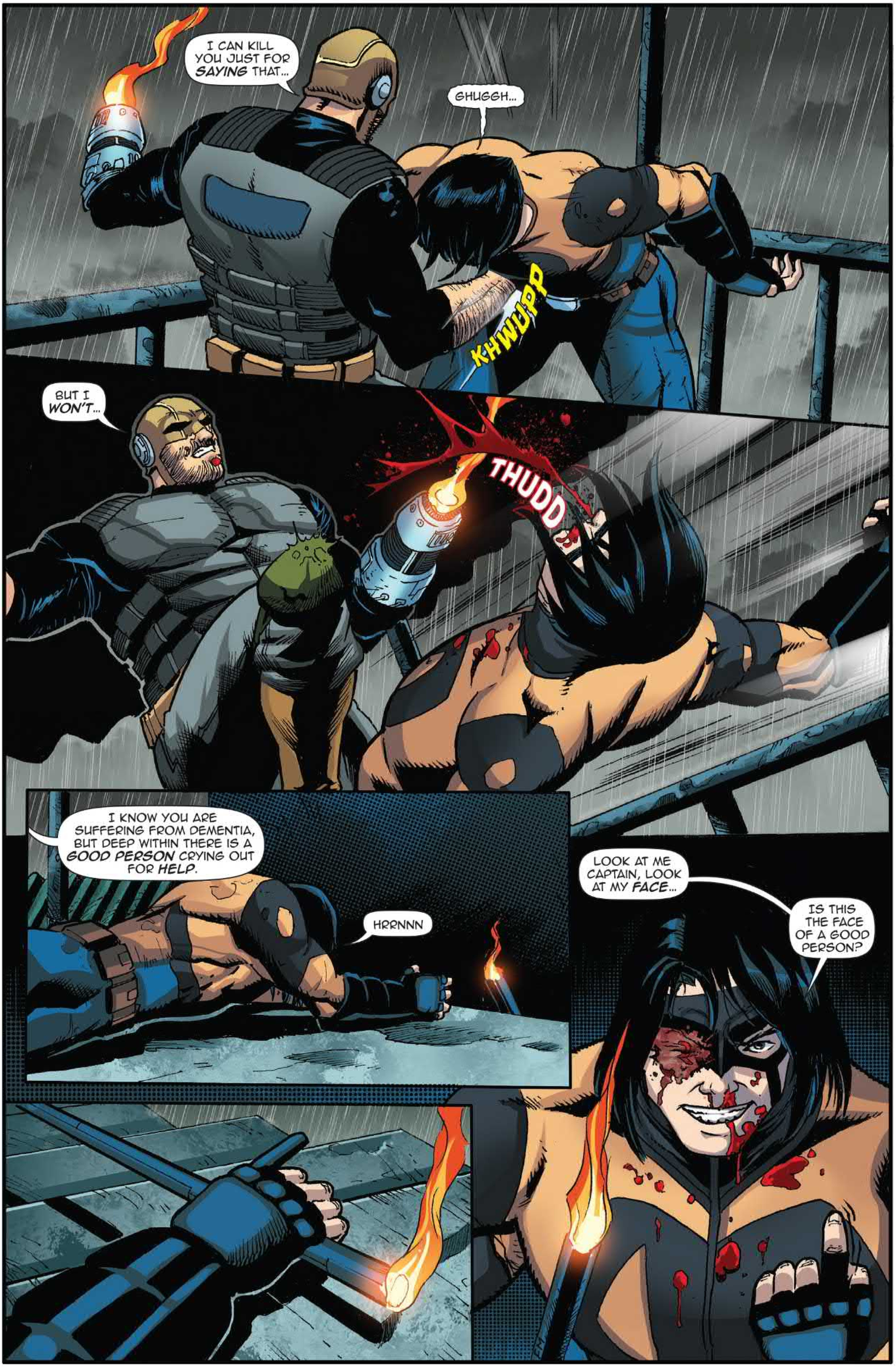

ANOTHER FEINT...CAN'T BELIEVE I FELL FOR IT TWICE!
TH-DAKK
HAAAIIIII
THRAKK
THWUPP
KLANG

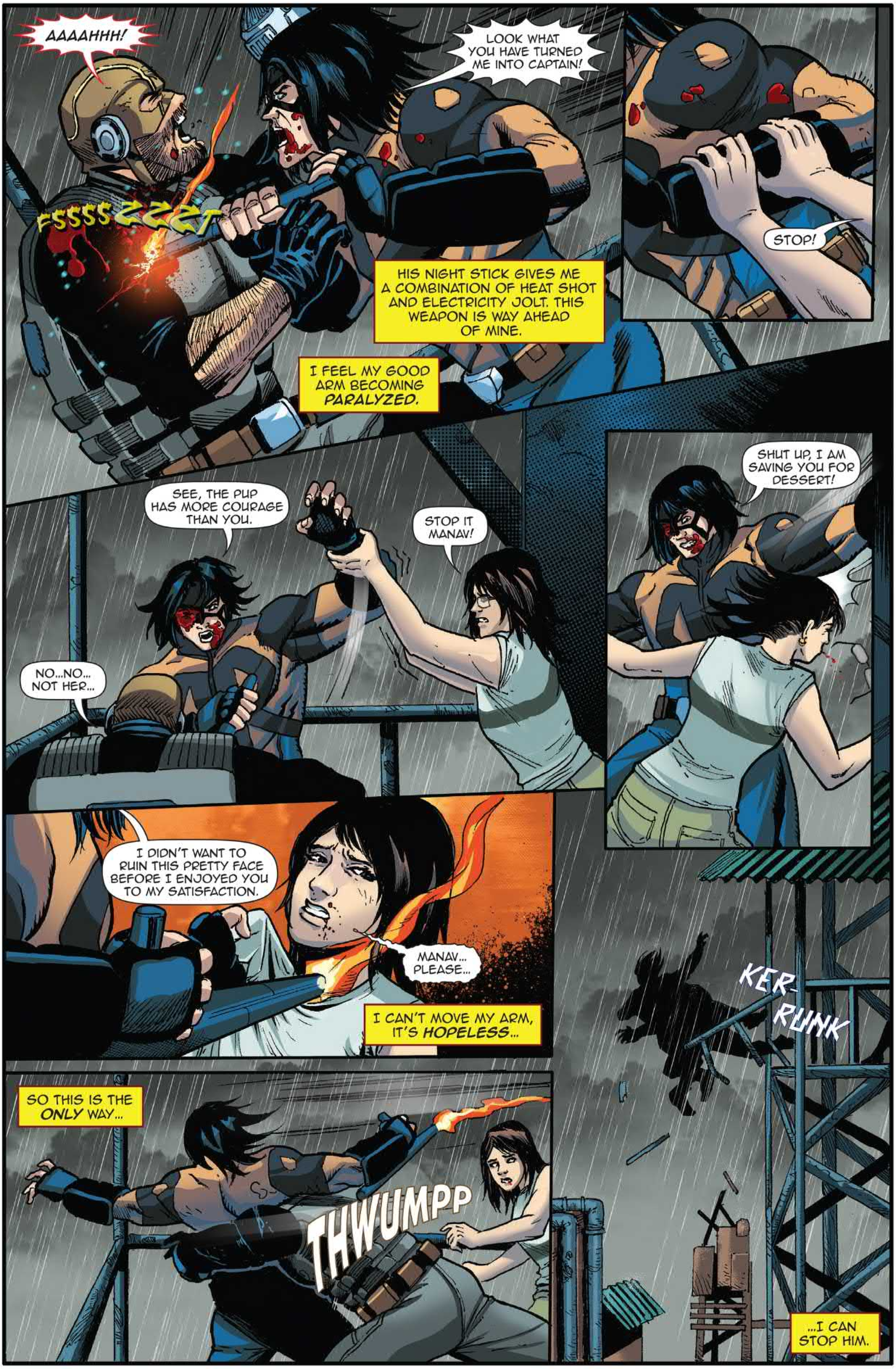

THIS IS NOT GOING GOOD FOR ME.
NOT AT ALL.
KROKKT
AAAI-YAAH!
I CANNOT KEEP UP WITH HIS SPEED, NEITHER HIS STAMINA.
TOOK TOO MANY HITS ON MY HEAD...A WARM FUZZY FEEL IS WASHING OVER ME.
KRACK
WHICH MEANS ANY MOMENT I WILL SLIP INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS.
WHUMPP
NO...I CAN'T LOSE IT!
KKKK...
I HAVE SEEN THE LOOK IN HIS EYES. THE LOOK I HAD SEEN IN SO MANY OF MY MISSIONS IN MY PAST LIFE.
THRAMM
IF I GO DOWN HE IS GOING TO KILL ME AND SAINA BOTH.

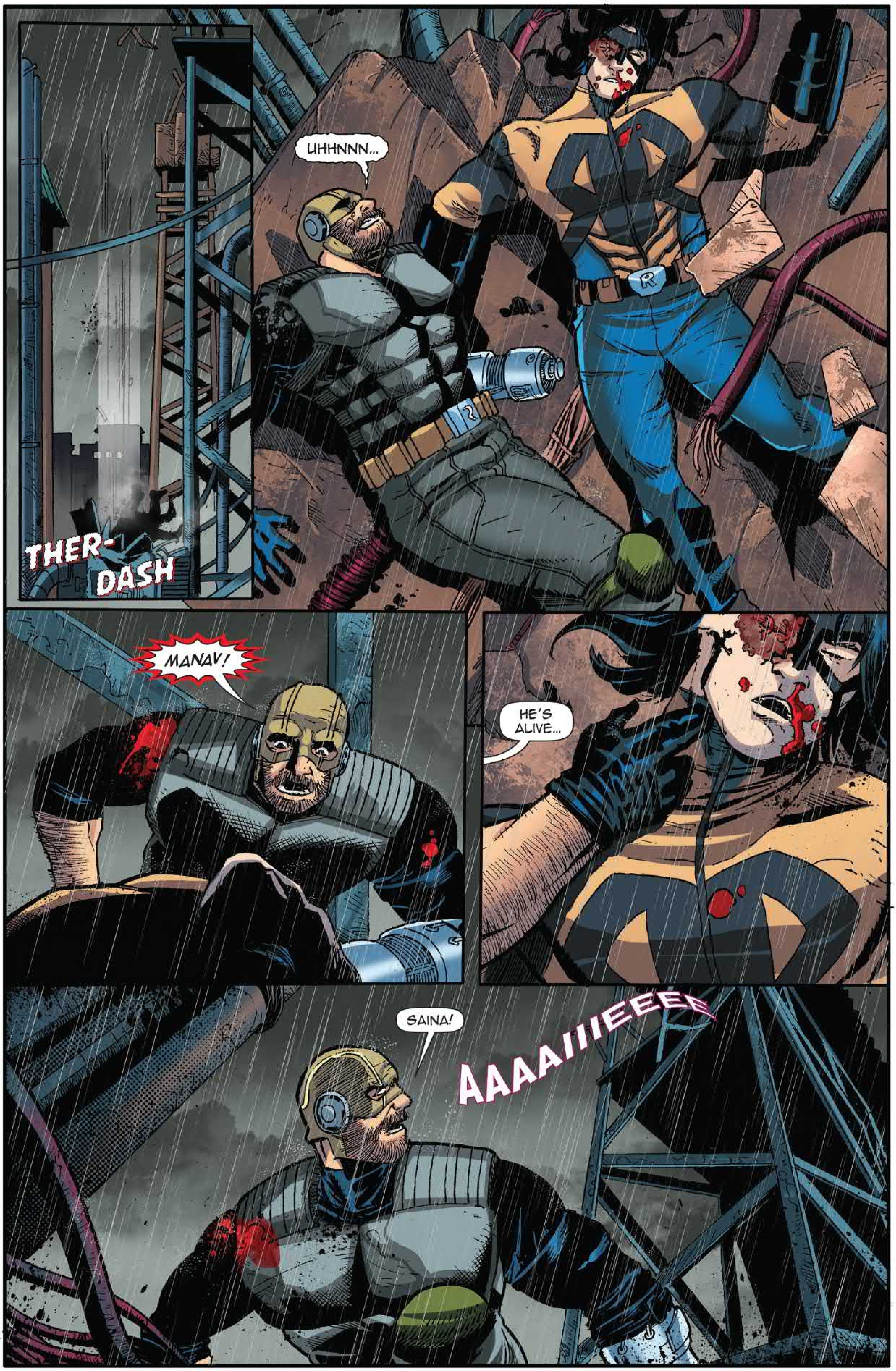

BUT MY HEAD, CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT. MY BRAIN IS BLEEDING.
CAN'T KEEP UP *OLD MAN*?
TOO BAD BECAUSE I CAN DO THIS WHOLE NIGHT.
AND I BARELY HAVE STARTED WARMING UP.
THWA-DOPP
THE DRUG I TOOK IS WEARING OFF.
GIVE UP, I PROMISE I WILL MAKE IT *PAINLESS*.
GIVE UP CAPTAIN, IT *HURTS* TO SEE YOU GO DOWN SO MISERABLY. YOU STAND NO CHANCE!
AS MUCH AS I HATE TO ADMIT, HE'S RIGHT.
I CAN *BARELY* MOVE MY LIMBS.
NUGHH...
KRAK
BUT HE DOESN'T NEED TO *KNOW* THAT. JUST KEEP UP A STRAIGHT FACE.
THRACK
IT AIN'T MAKING MUCH DIFFERENCE THOUGH.

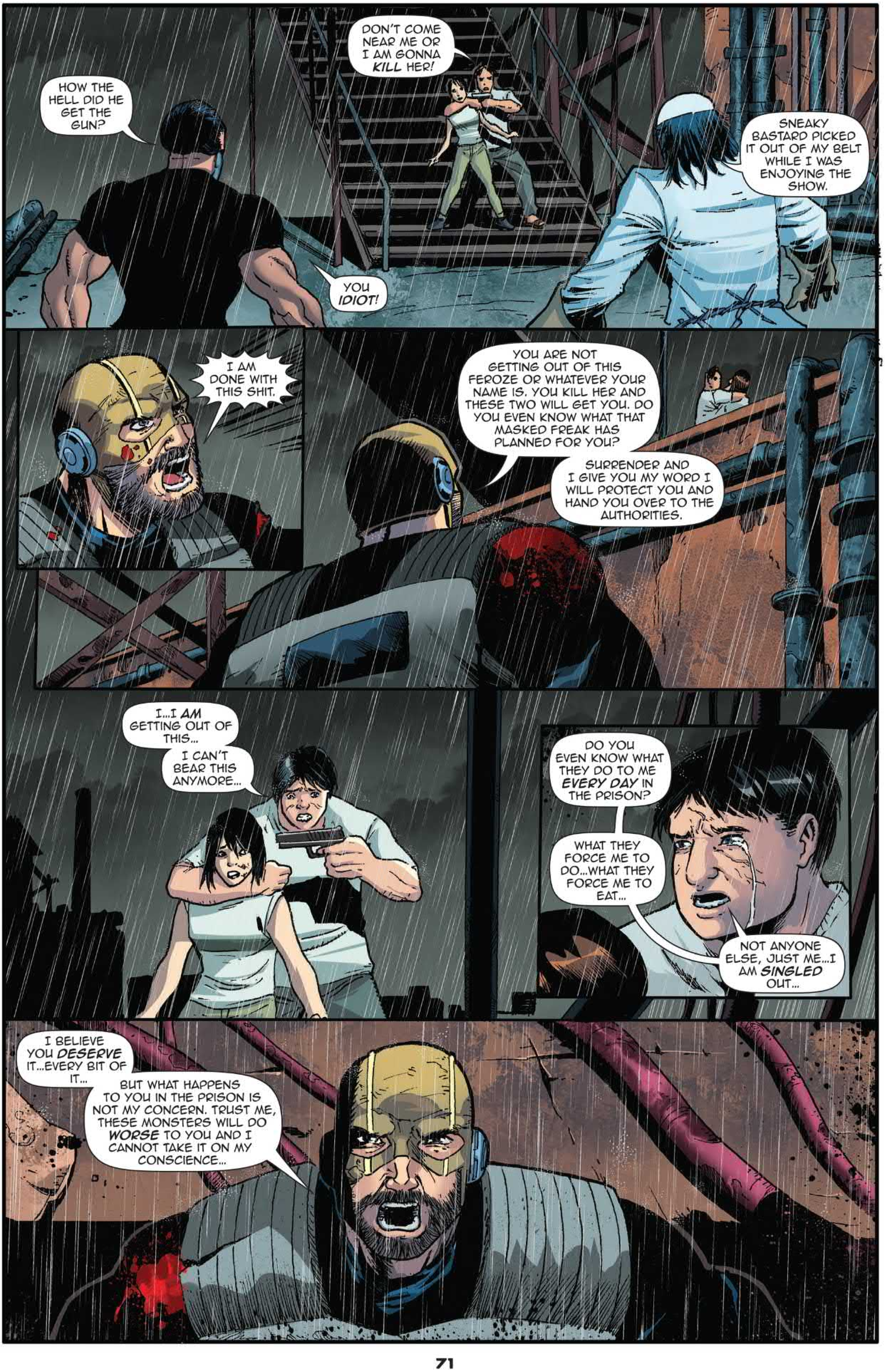

AGAIN MY KNEES FEEL LIKE JELLY.
I AM PROBABLY 20 KILOS HEAVIER THAN HIM AND HE TACKLES ME LIKE A *CHILD*.
>HMMFF<
LET IT GO CAPTAIN...EVEN YOU KNOW I AM MORE DESERVING TO BE RAKSHAK THAN YOU.
YOU ARE WEAK, OLD >NFF< YOU ARE AN AMPUTEE FOR GOD'S SAKE!
NOT JUST BY LIMB, YOU ARE AMPUTATED IN SOUL. YOU DON'T HAVE IT IN YOU....
>GHKRR< I DON'T EVEN WANT IT!
RAKSHAK MEANS *PROTECTOR*...
CLICK
THSSSS
KRAAAAAA...
...NOT KILLER!

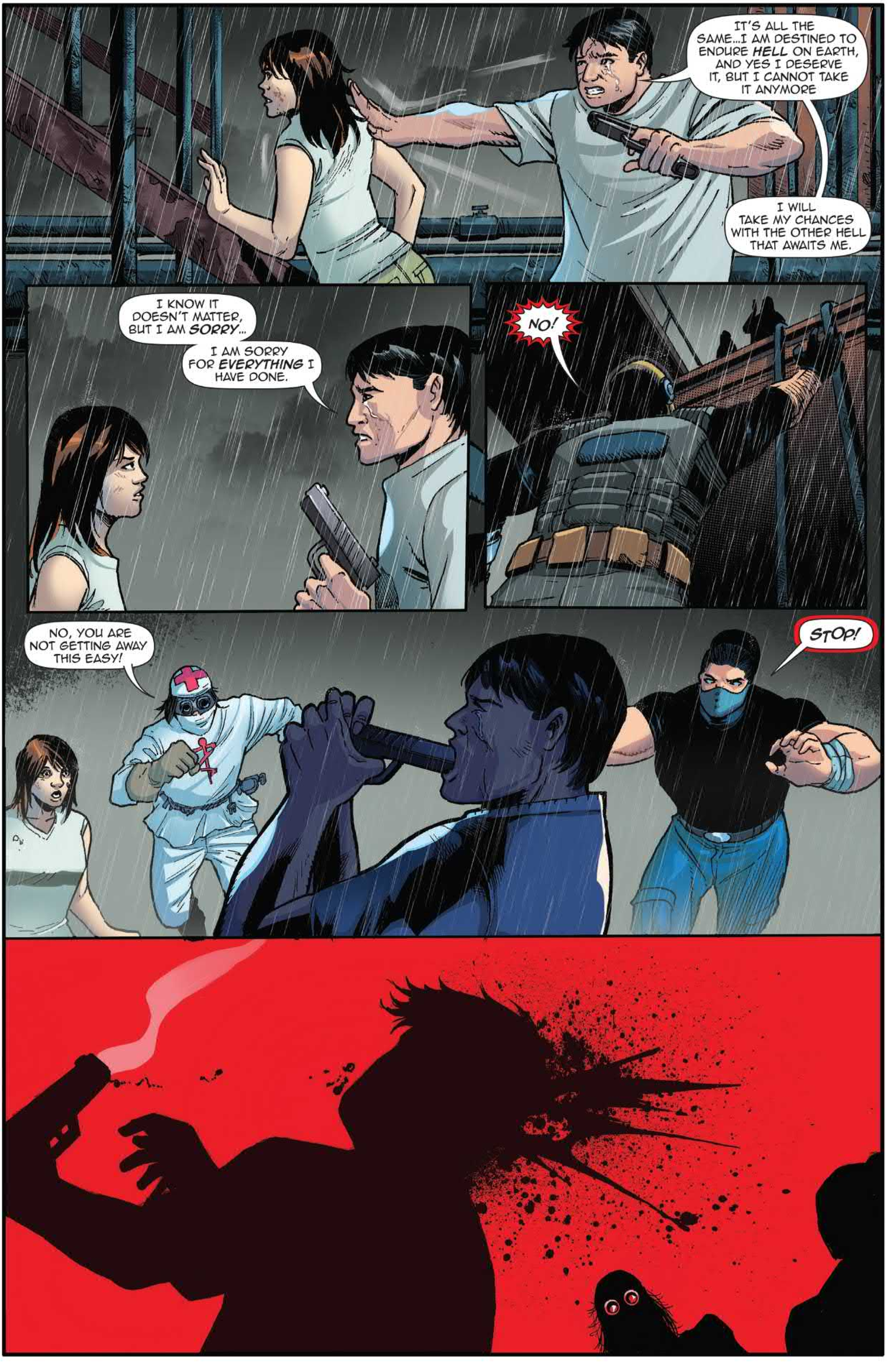

NNNAA... MY FACE... MY FACE...
YOU LEFT ME NO CHOICE. PLEASE... LET'S STOP...WE *CAN'T* DO THIS ANY LONGER.
>HUUUU<
I BEG OF YOU...
YES...YOU WILL *BEG*!
YOU WILL BEG ME TO KILL YOU AS I *RAVAGE* YOUR LITTLE NIECE IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES.
YOU WILL BEG FOR YOUR DEATH AND FOR *HERS* AS WELL!
MANAV...NO!

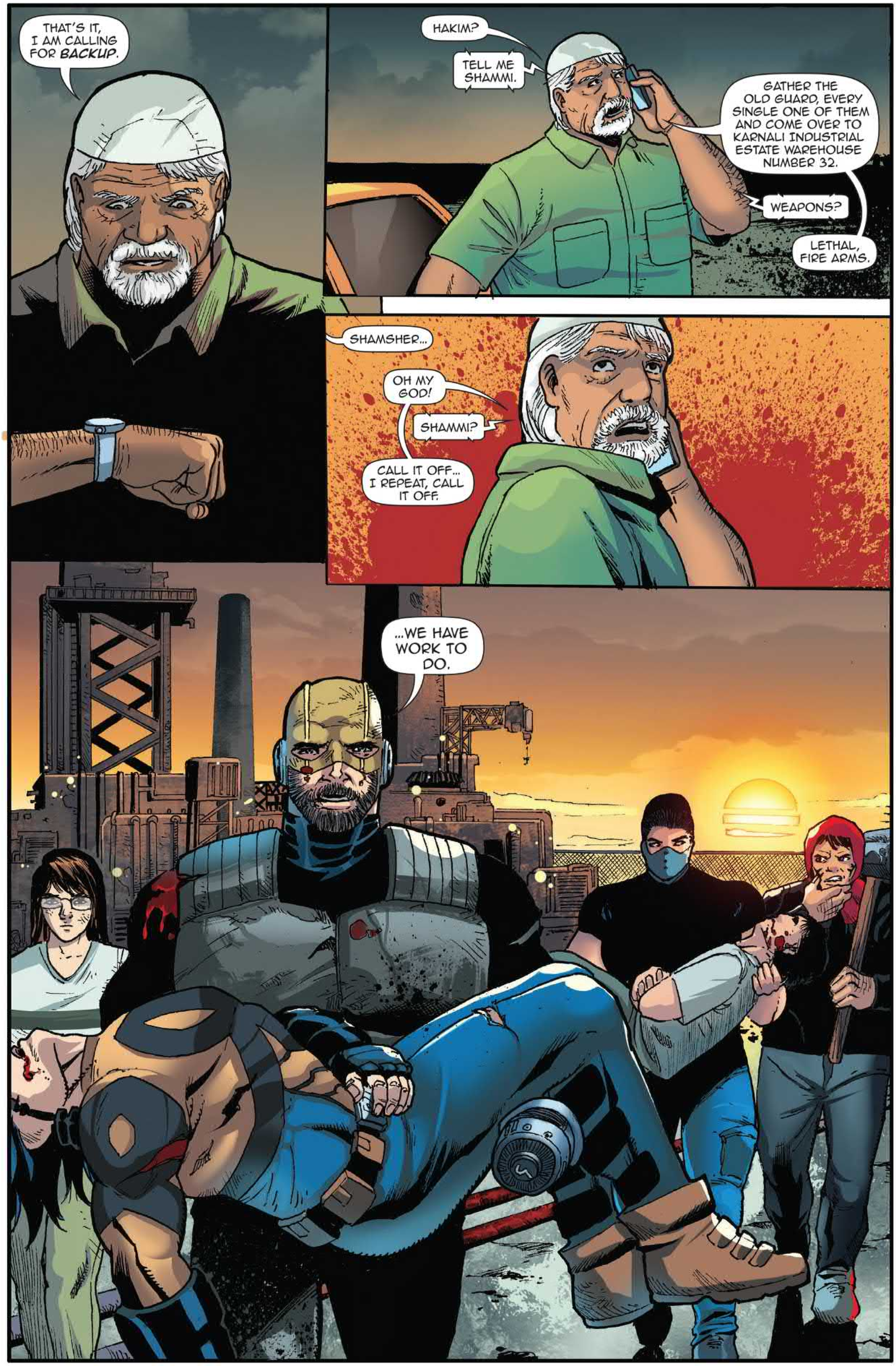

I CAN KILL YOU JUST FOR *SAYING* THAT...
GHUGGH...
KHWUPP
BUT I *WON'T*...
THUDD
I KNOW YOU ARE SUFFERING FROM DEMENTIA, BUT DEEP WITHIN THERE IS A *GOOD PERSON* CRYING OUT FOR *HELP*.
HRRNNN
LOOK AT ME CAPTAIN, LOOK AT MY *FACE*...
IS THIS THE FACE OF A GOOD PERSON?

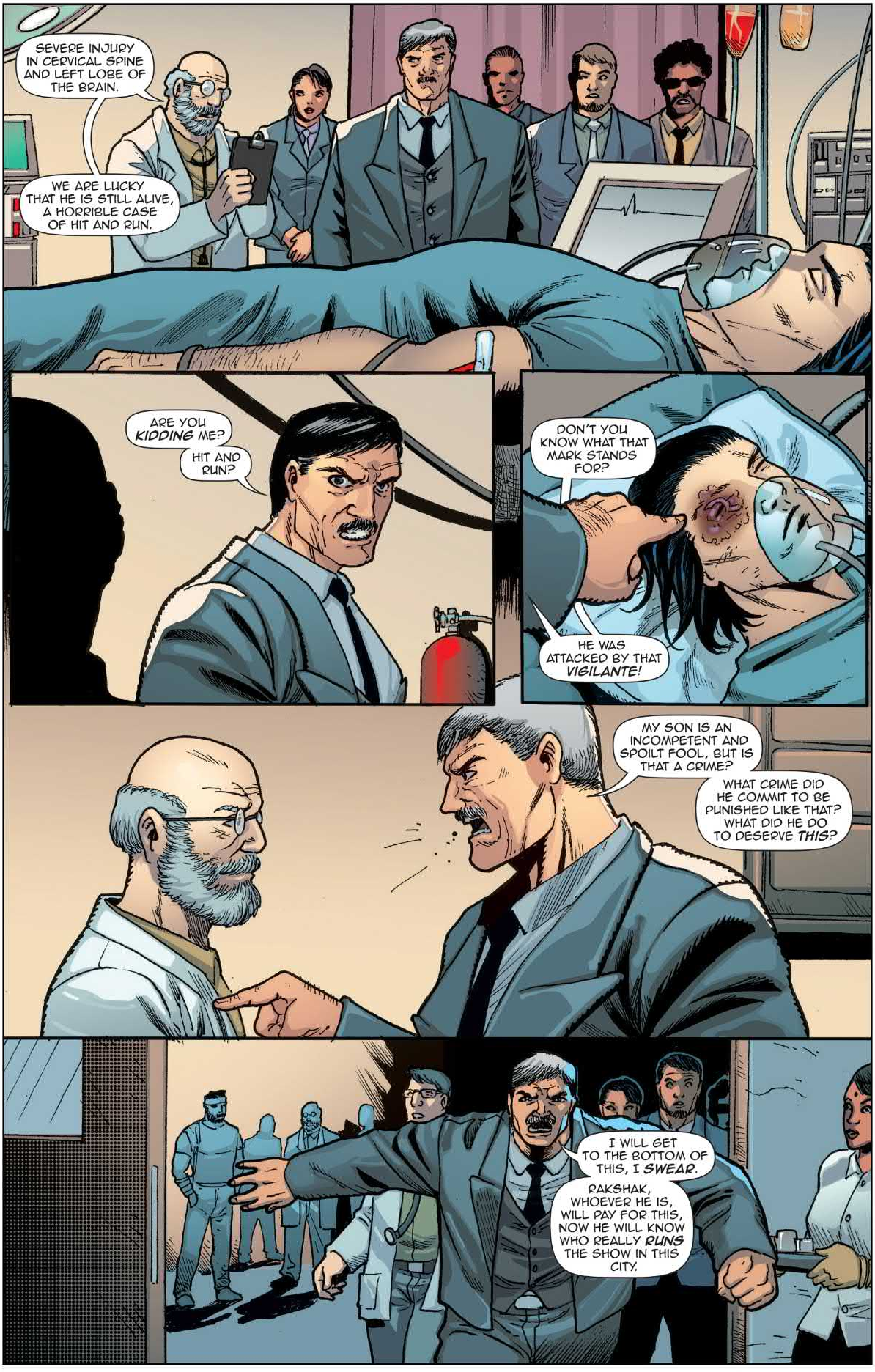

AAAAHHH!
LOOK WHAT YOU HAVE TURNED ME INTO CAPTAIN!
FSSSSZZZT
HIS NIGHT STICK GIVES ME A COMBINATION OF HEAT SHOT AND ELECTRICITY JOLT. THIS WEAPON IS WAY AHEAD OF MINE.
I FEEL MY GOOD ARM BECOMING *PARALYZED.*
STOP!
SEE, THE PUP HAS MORE COURAGE THAN YOU.
STOP IT MANAV!
NO...NO... NOT HER...
SHUT UP, I AM SAVING YOU FOR DESSERT!
I DIDN'T WANT TO RUIN THIS PRETTY FACE BEFORE I ENJOYED YOU TO MY SATISFACTION.
MANAV... PLEASE...
I CAN'T MOVE MY ARM, IT'S *HOPELESS*...
KER-RUNK
SO THIS IS THE *ONLY* WAY...
THWUMPP
...I CAN STOP HIM.

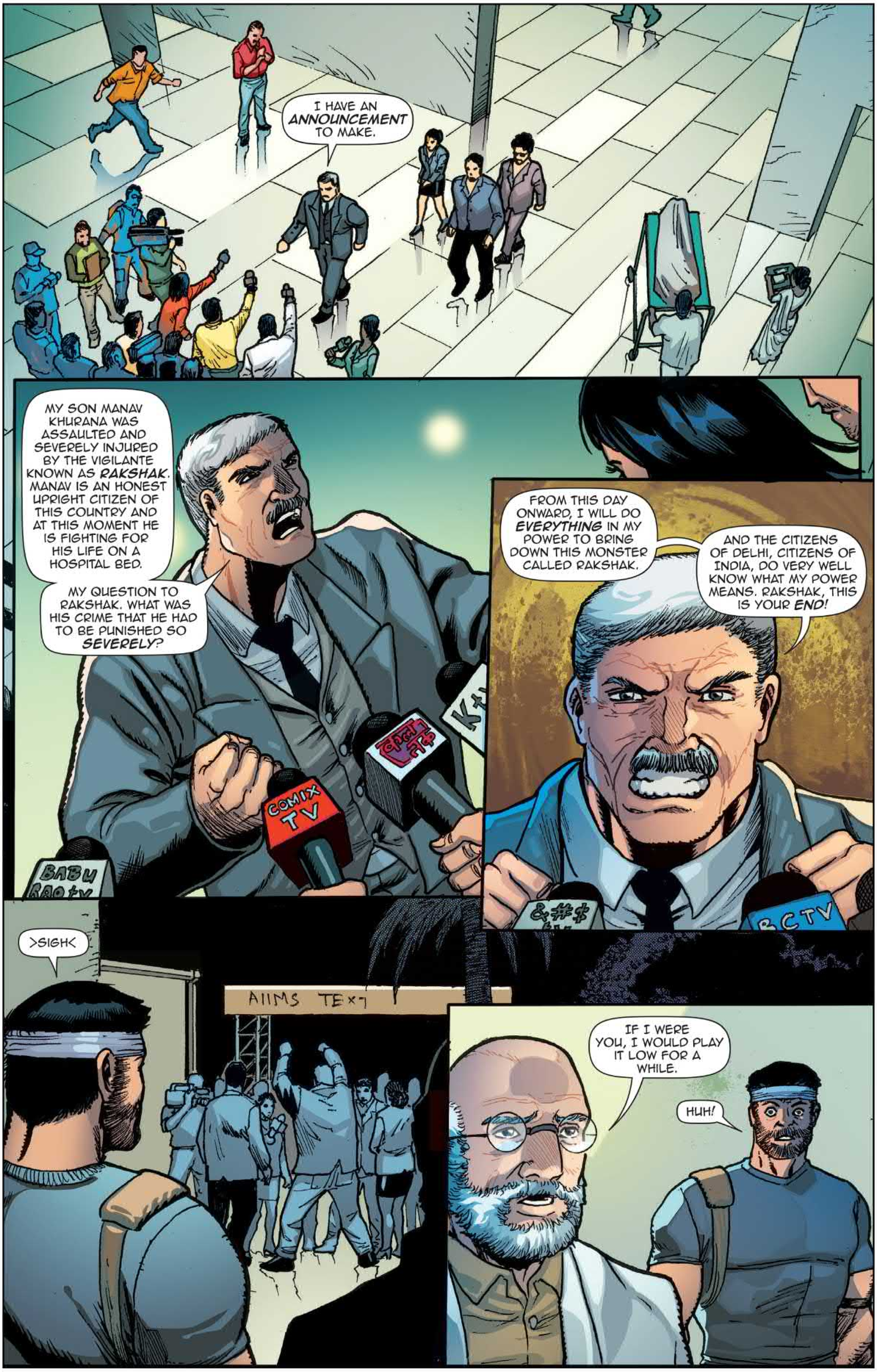

THER-DASH
UHHNNN...
MANAV!
HE'S ALIVE...
SAINA!
AAAAIIIEEEE

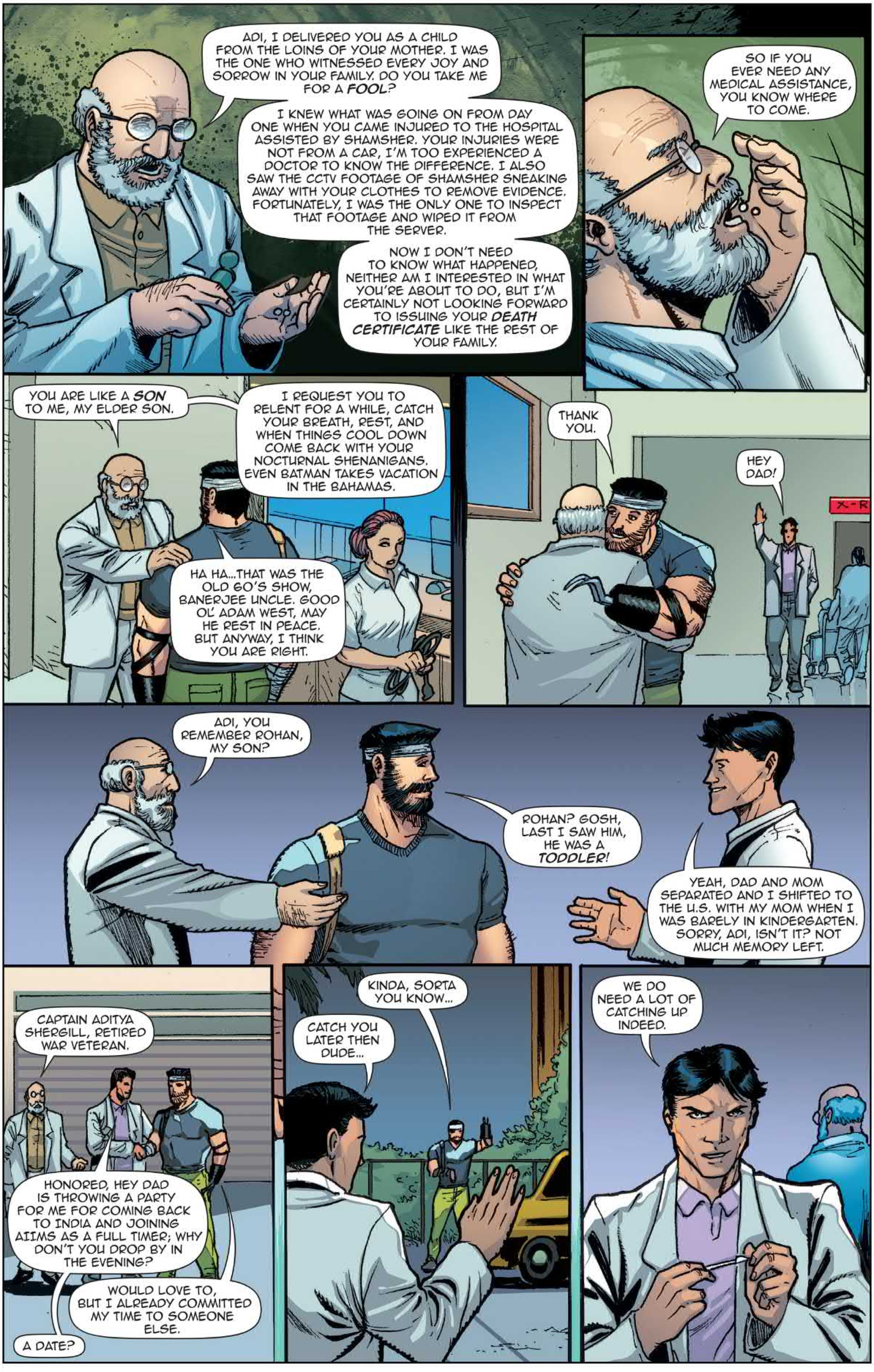

HOW THE HELL DID HE GET THE GUN?
DON'T COME NEAR ME OR I AM GONNA **KILL** HER!
SNEAKY BASTARD PICKED IT OUT OF MY BELT WHILE I WAS ENJOYING THE SHOW.
YOU **IDIOT**!
I AM DONE WITH THIS SHIT.
YOU ARE NOT GETTING OUT OF THIS FEROZE OR WHATEVER YOUR NAME IS. YOU KILL HER AND THESE TWO WILL GET YOU. DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT MASKED FREAK HAS PLANNED FOR YOU?
SURRENDER AND I GIVE YOU MY WORD I WILL PROTECT YOU AND HAND YOU OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES.
I...I **AM** GETTING OUT OF THIS...
I CAN'T BEAR THIS ANYMORE...
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT THEY DO TO ME **EVERY DAY** IN THE PRISON?
WHAT THEY FORCE ME TO DO...WHAT THEY FORCE ME TO EAT...
NOT ANYONE ELSE, JUST ME...I AM **SINGLED** OUT...
I BELIEVE YOU **DESERVE** IT...EVERY BIT OF IT...
BUT WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU IN THE PRISON IS NOT MY CONCERN. TRUST ME, THESE MONSTERS WILL DO **WORSE** TO YOU AND I CANNOT TAKE IT ON MY CONSCIENCE...

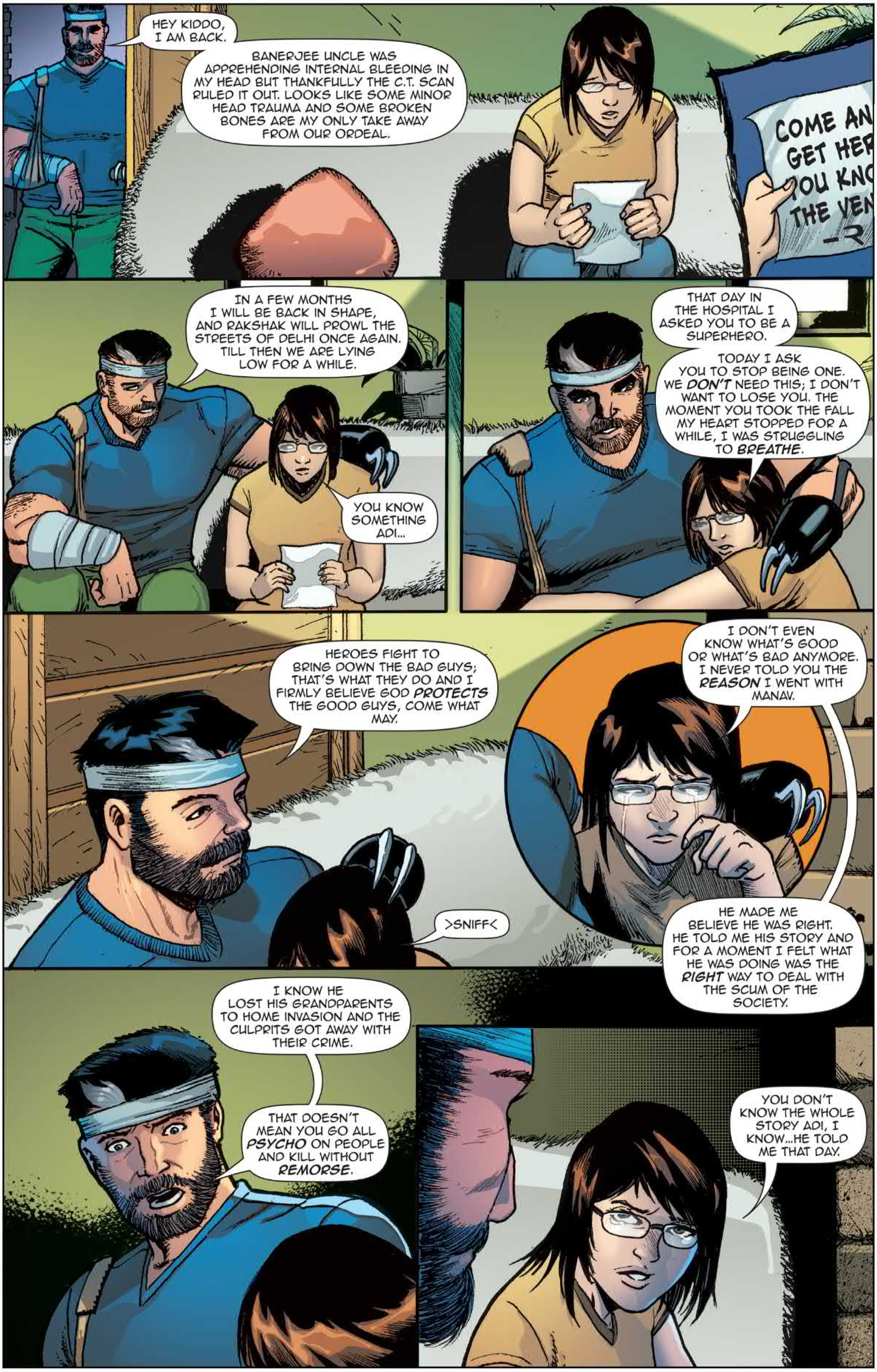

IT'S ALL THE SAME...I AM DESTINED TO ENDURE *HELL* ON EARTH, AND YES I DESERVE IT, BUT I CANNOT TAKE IT ANYMORE
I WILL TAKE MY CHANCES WITH THE OTHER HELL THAT AWAITS ME.
I KNOW IT DOESN'T MATTER, BUT I AM *SORRY*...
I AM SORRY FOR *EVERYTHING* I HAVE DONE.
NO!
NO, YOU ARE NOT GETTING AWAY THIS EASY!
STOP!

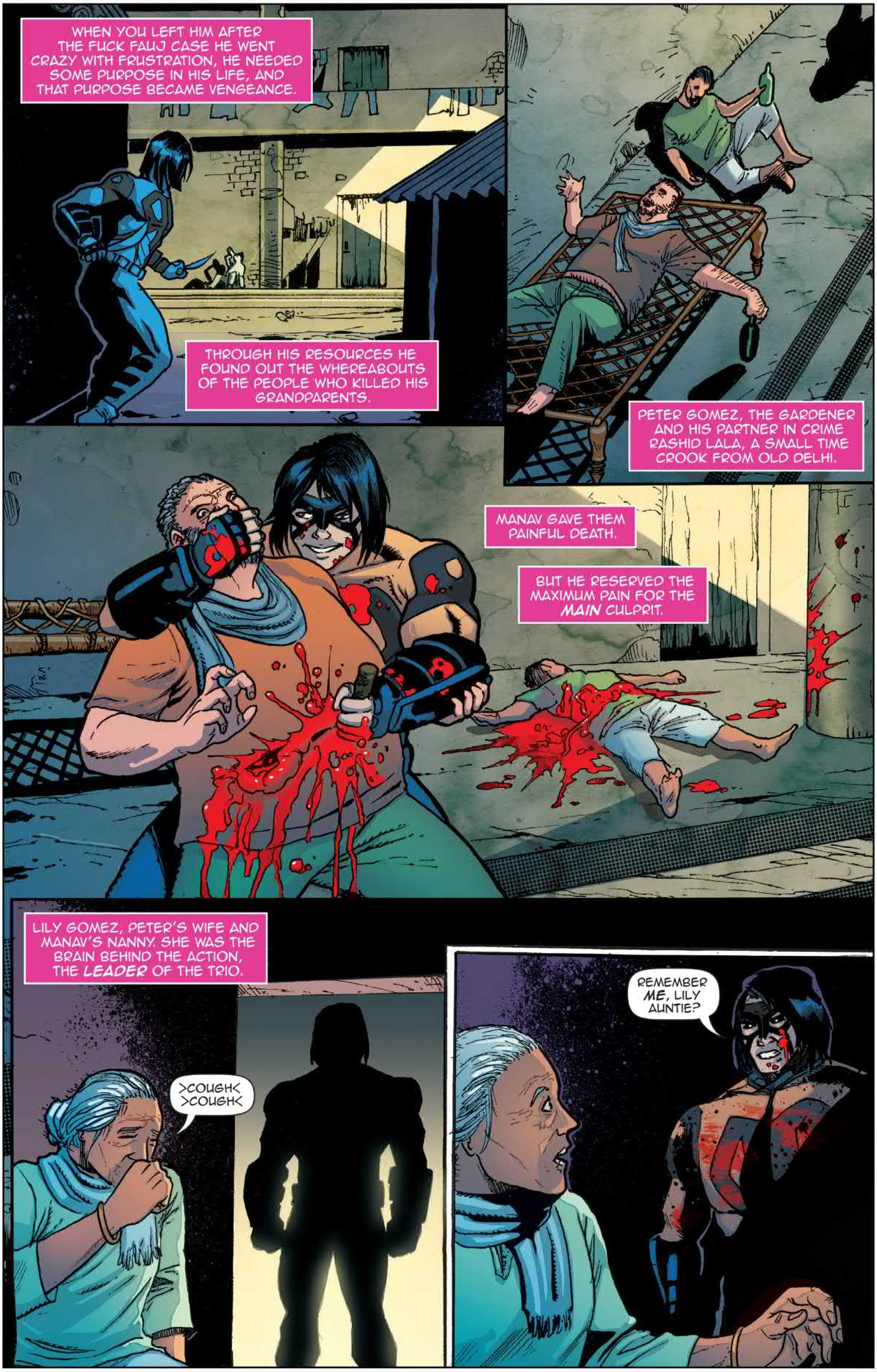

THAT'S IT, I AM CALLING FOR *BACKUP*.
HAKIM?
TELL ME SHAMMI.
GATHER THE OLD GUARD, EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM AND COME OVER TO KARNALI INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WAREHOUSE NUMBER 32.
WEAPONS?
LETHAL, FIRE ARMS.
SHAMSHER...
OH MY GOD!
SHAMMI?
CALL IT OFF... I REPEAT, CALL IT OFF.
...WE HAVE WORK TO DO.

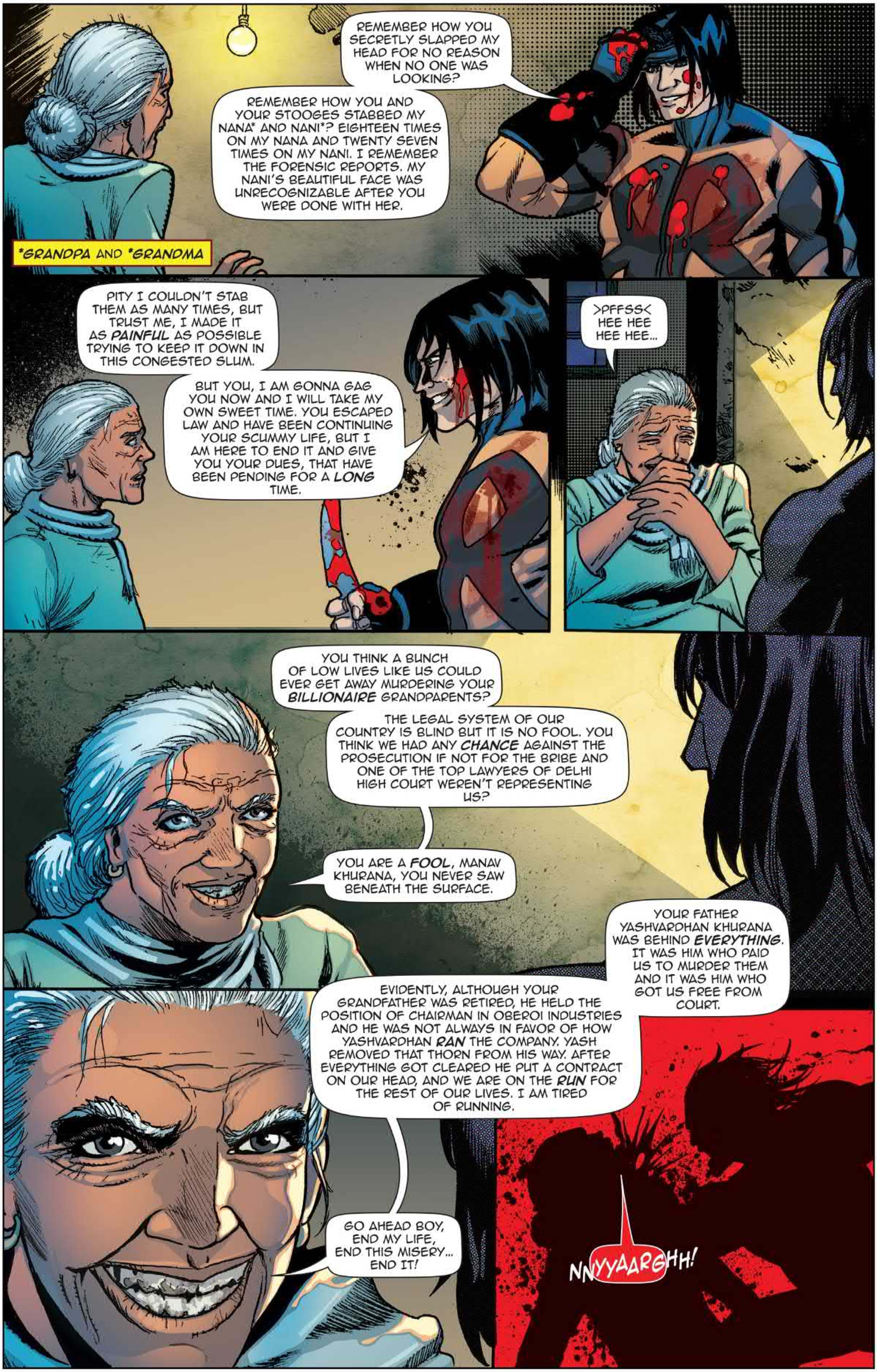

SEVERE INJURY IN CERVICAL SPINE AND LEFT LOBE OF THE BRAIN.
WE ARE LUCKY THAT HE IS STILL ALIVE, A HORRIBLE CASE OF HIT AND RUN.
ARE YOU *KIDDING* ME?
HIT AND RUN?
DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MARK STANDS FOR?
HE WAS ATTACKED BY THAT *VIGILANTE!*
MY SON IS AN INCOMPETENT AND SPOILT FOOL, BUT IS THAT A CRIME?
WHAT CRIME DID HE COMMIT TO BE PUNISHED LIKE THAT? WHAT DID HE DO TO DESERVE *THIS*?
I WILL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS, I *SWEAR*.
RAKSHAK, WHOEVER HE IS, WILL PAY FOR THIS, NOW HE WILL KNOW WHO REALLY *RUNS* THE SHOW IN THIS CITY.

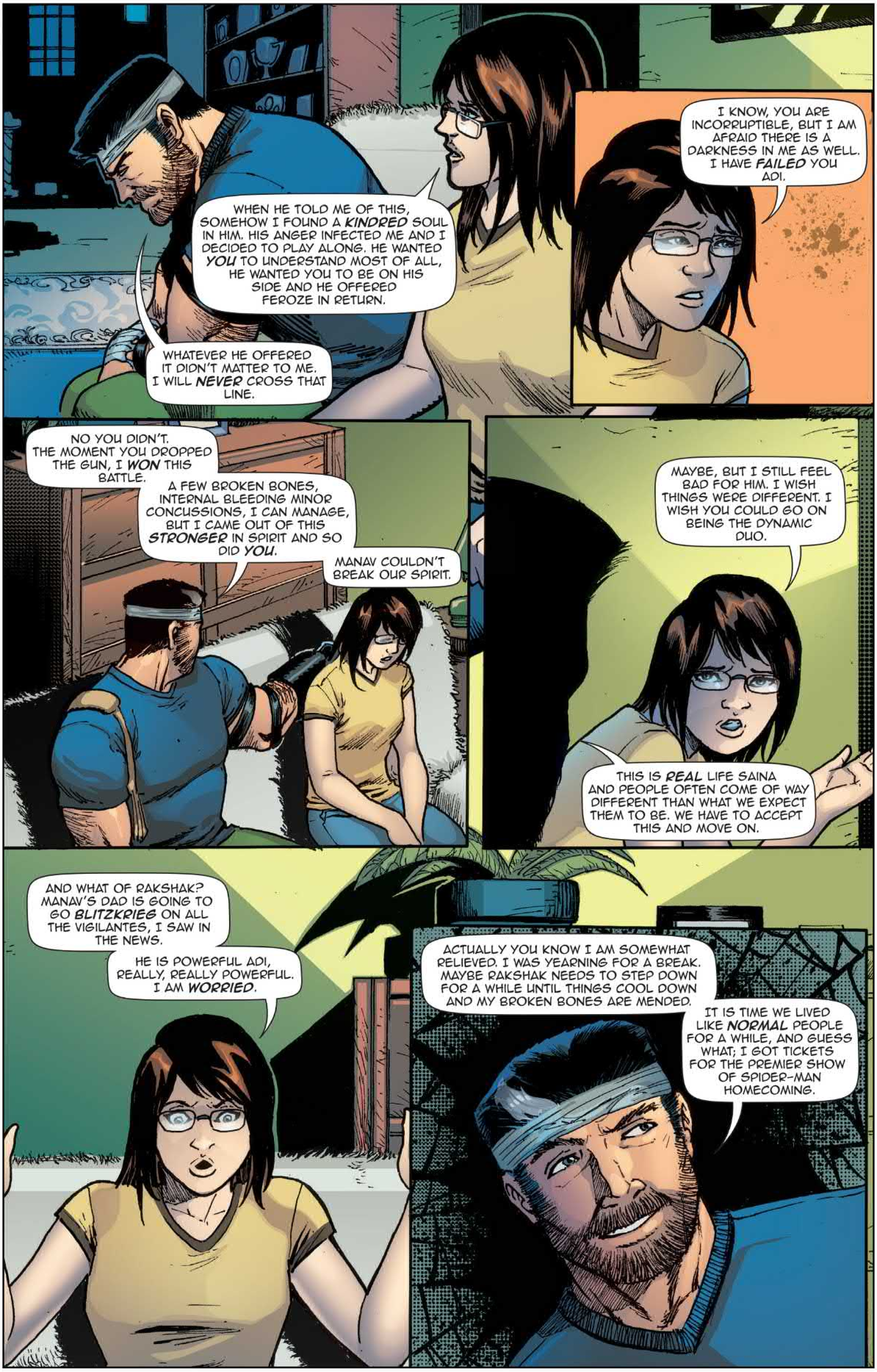

I HAVE AN *ANNOUNCEMENT* TO MAKE.
MY SON MANAV KHURANA WAS ASSAULTED AND SEVERELY INJURED BY THE VIGILANTE KNOWN AS **RAKSHAK**. MANAV IS AN HONEST UPRIGHT CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTRY AND AT THIS MOMENT HE IS FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE ON A HOSPITAL BED.
MY QUESTION TO RAKSHAK. WHAT WAS HIS CRIME THAT HE HAD TO BE PUNISHED SO ***SEVERELY***?
COMIX TV
BABU RAO tv
FROM THIS DAY ONWARD, I WILL DO ***EVERYTHING*** IN MY POWER TO BRING DOWN THIS MONSTER CALLED RAKSHAK.
AND THE CITIZENS OF DELHI, CITIZENS OF INDIA, DO VERY WELL KNOW WHAT MY POWER MEANS. RAKSHAK, THIS IS YOUR ***END!***
BCTV
>SIGH<
AIIMS
IF I WERE YOU, I WOULD PLAY IT LOW FOR A WHILE.
HUH!

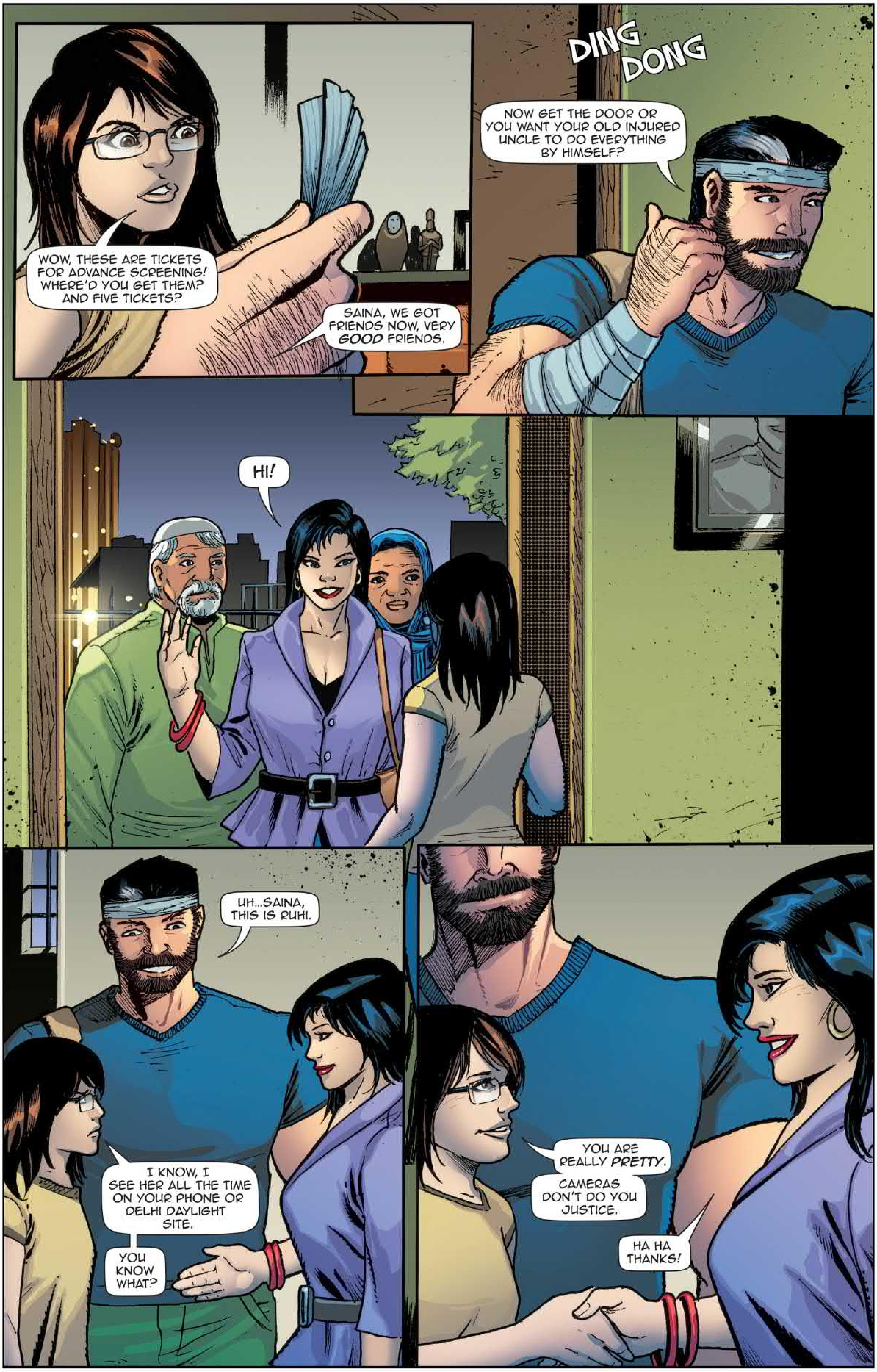

ADI, I DELIVERED YOU AS A CHILD FROM THE LOINS OF YOUR MOTHER. I WAS THE ONE WHO WITNESSED EVERY JOY AND SORROW IN YOUR FAMILY. DO YOU TAKE ME FOR A ***FOOL***?
I KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON FROM DAY ONE WHEN YOU CAME INJURED TO THE HOSPITAL ASSISTED BY SHAMSHER. YOUR INJURIES WERE NOT FROM A CAR, I'M TOO EXPERIENCED A DOCTOR TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE. I ALSO SAW THE CCTV FOOTAGE OF SHAMSHER SNEAKING AWAY WITH YOUR CLOTHES TO REMOVE EVIDENCE. FORTUNATELY, I WAS THE ONLY ONE TO INSPECT THAT FOOTAGE AND WIPED IT FROM THE SERVER.
NOW I DON'T NEED TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, NEITHER AM I INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO DO, BUT I'M CERTAINLY NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO ISSUING YOUR ***DEATH CERTIFICATE*** LIKE THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY.
SO IF YOU EVER NEED ANY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, YOU KNOW WHERE TO COME.
YOU ARE LIKE A ***SON*** TO ME, MY ELDER SON.
I REQUEST YOU TO RELENT FOR A WHILE, CATCH YOUR BREATH, REST, AND WHEN THINGS COOL DOWN COME BACK WITH YOUR NOCTURNAL SHENANIGANS. EVEN BATMAN TAKES VACATION IN THE BAHAMAS.
HA HA...THAT WAS THE OLD 60'S SHOW, BANERJEE UNCLE. GOOD OL' ADAM WEST, MAY HE REST IN PEACE. BUT ANYWAY, I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT.
THANK YOU.
HEY DAD!
X-R
ADI, YOU REMEMBER ROHAN, MY SON?
ROHAN? GOSH, LAST I SAW HIM, HE WAS A ***TODDLER***!
YEAH, DAD AND MOM SEPARATED AND I SHIFTED TO THE U.S. WITH MY MOM WHEN I WAS BARELY IN KINDERGARTEN. SORRY, ADI, ISN'T IT? NOT MUCH MEMORY LEFT.
CAPTAIN ADITYA SHERGILL, RETIRED WAR VETERAN.
HONORED, HEY DAD IS THROWING A PARTY FOR ME FOR COMING BACK TO INDIA AND JOINING AIIMS AS A FULL TIMER; WHY DON'T YOU DROP BY IN THE EVENING?
WOULD LOVE TO, BUT I ALREADY COMMITTED MY TIME TO SOMEONE ELSE.
A DATE?
KINDA, SORTA YOU KNOW...
CATCH YOU LATER THEN DUDE...
WE DO NEED A LOT OF CATCHING UP INDEED.

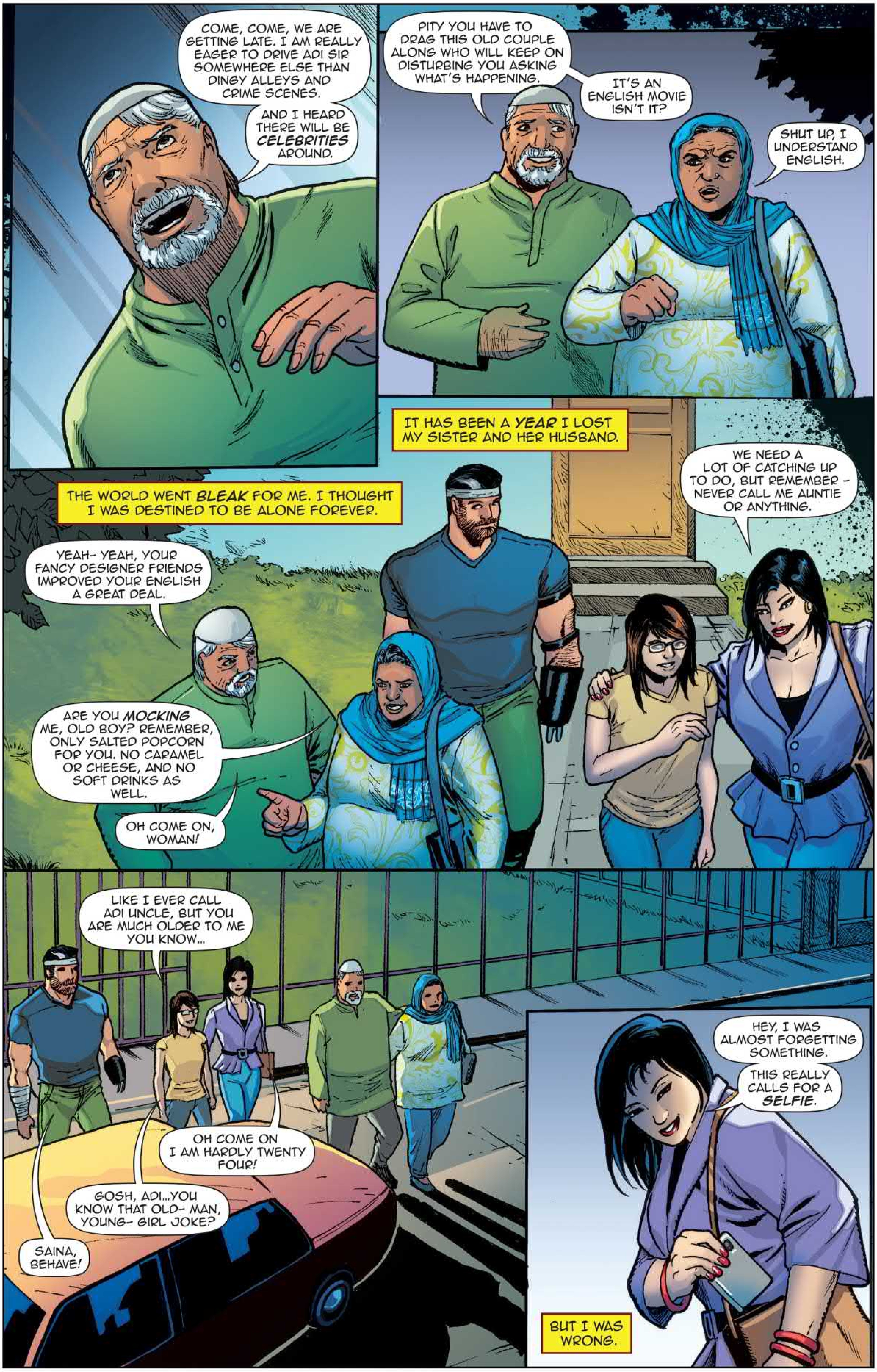

HEY KIDDO, I AM BACK.
BANERJEE UNCLE WAS APPREHENDING INTERNAL BLEEDING IN MY HEAD BUT THANKFULLY THE C.T. SCAN RULED IT OUT. LOOKS LIKE SOME MINOR HEAD TRAUMA AND SOME BROKEN BONES ARE MY ONLY TAKE AWAY FROM OUR ORDEAL.
COME AN
GET HER
YOU KNO
THE VEN
-R
IN A FEW MONTHS I WILL BE BACK IN SHAPE, AND RAKSHAK WILL PROWL THE STREETS OF DELHI ONCE AGAIN. TILL THEN WE ARE LYING LOW FOR A WHILE.
YOU KNOW SOMETHING ADI...
THAT DAY IN THE HOSPITAL I ASKED YOU TO BE A SUPERHERO.
TODAY I ASK YOU TO STOP BEING ONE. WE *DON'T* NEED THIS; I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU. THE MOMENT YOU TOOK THE FALL MY HEART STOPPED FOR A WHILE, I WAS STRUGGLING TO *BREATHE*.
HEROES FIGHT TO BRING DOWN THE BAD GUYS; THAT'S WHAT THEY DO AND I FIRMLY BELIEVE GOD *PROTECTS* THE GOOD GUYS, COME WHAT MAY.
>SNIFF<
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'S GOOD OR WHAT'S BAD ANYMORE. I NEVER TOLD YOU THE *REASON* I WENT WITH MANAV.
HE MADE ME BELIEVE HE WAS RIGHT. HE TOLD ME HIS STORY AND FOR A MOMENT I FELT WHAT HE WAS DOING WAS THE *RIGHT* WAY TO DEAL WITH THE SCUM OF THE SOCIETY.
I KNOW HE LOST HIS GRANDPARENTS TO HOME INVASION AND THE CULPRITS GOT AWAY WITH THEIR CRIME.
THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU GO ALL *PSYCHO* ON PEOPLE AND KILL WITHOUT *REMORSE*.
YOU DON'T KNOW THE WHOLE STORY ADI, I KNOW...HE TOLD ME THAT DAY.

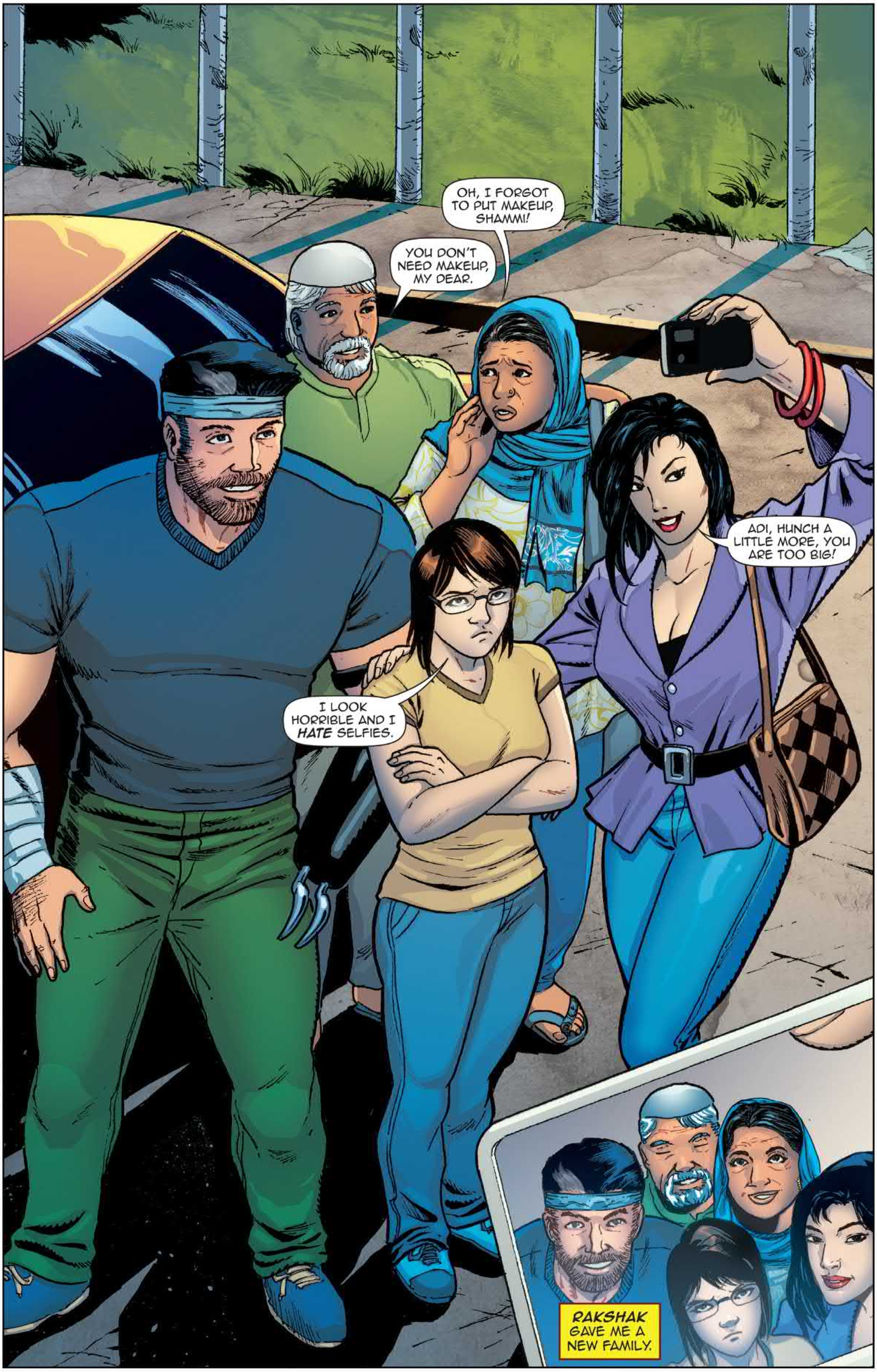

WHEN YOU LEFT HIM AFTER THE FUCK FAUJ CASE HE WENT CRAZY WITH FRUSTRATION, HE NEEDED SOME PURPOSE IN HIS LIFE, AND THAT PURPOSE BECAME VENGEANCE.
THROUGH HIS RESOURCES HE FOUND OUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE PEOPLE WHO KILLED HIS GRANDPARENTS.
PETER GOMEZ, THE GARDENER AND HIS PARTNER IN CRIME RASHID LALA, A SMALL TIME CROOK FROM OLD DELHI.
MANAV GAVE THEM PAINFUL DEATH.
BUT HE RESERVED THE MAXIMUM PAIN FOR THE *MAIN* CULPRIT.
LILY GOMEZ, PETER'S WIFE AND MANAV'S NANNY. SHE WAS THE BRAIN BEHIND THE ACTION, THE *LEADER* OF THE TRIO.
>COUGH< >COUGH<
REMEMBER *ME*, LILY AUNTIE?

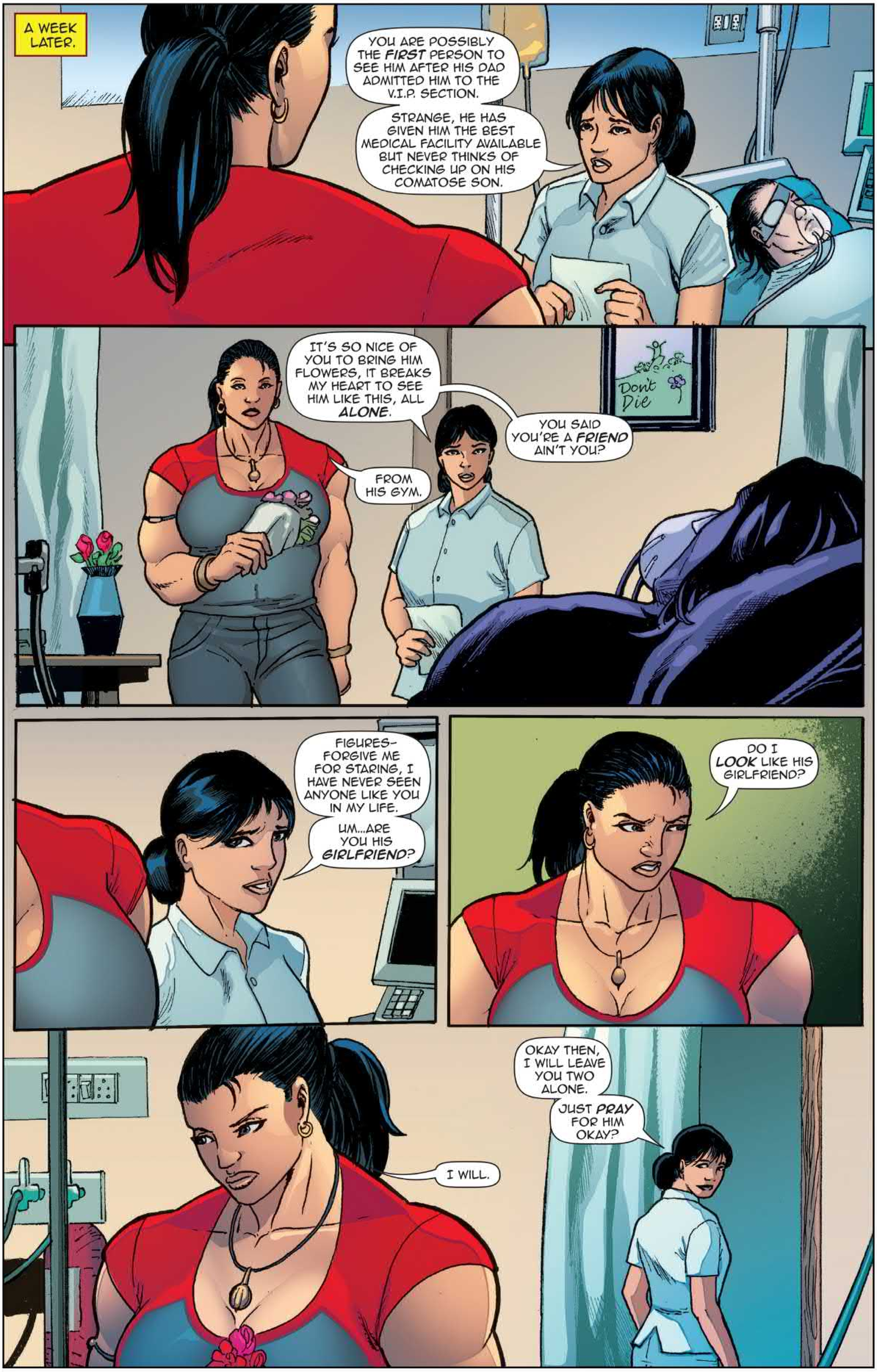

REMEMBER HOW YOU SECRETLY SLAPPED MY HEAD FOR NO REASON WHEN NO ONE WAS LOOKING?
REMEMBER HOW YOU AND YOUR STOOGES STABBED MY NANA* AND NANI*? EIGHTEEN TIMES ON MY NANA AND TWENTY SEVEN TIMES ON MY NANI. I REMEMBER THE FORENSIC REPORTS. MY NANI'S BEAUTIFUL FACE WAS UNRECOGNIZABLE AFTER YOU WERE DONE WITH HER.
*GRANDPA AND *GRANDMA
PITY I COULDN'T STAB THEM AS MANY TIMES, BUT TRUST ME, I MADE IT AS PAINFUL AS POSSIBLE TRYING TO KEEP IT DOWN IN THIS CONGESTED SLUM.
BUT YOU, I AM GONNA GAG YOU NOW AND I WILL TAKE MY OWN SWEET TIME. YOU ESCAPED LAW AND HAVE BEEN CONTINUING YOUR SCUMMY LIFE, BUT I AM HERE TO END IT AND GIVE YOU YOUR DUES, THAT HAVE BEEN PENDING FOR A LONG TIME.
>PFFSS< HEE HEE HEE HEE...
YOU THINK A BUNCH OF LOW LIVES LIKE US COULD EVER GET AWAY MURDERING YOUR BILLIONAIRE GRANDPARENTS?
THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF OUR COUNTRY IS BLIND BUT IT IS NO FOOL. YOU THINK WE HAD ANY CHANCE AGAINST THE PROSECUTION IF NOT FOR THE BRIBE AND ONE OF THE TOP LAWYERS OF DELHI HIGH COURT WEREN'T REPRESENTING US?
YOU ARE A FOOL, MANAV KHURANA, YOU NEVER SAW BENEATH THE SURFACE.
YOUR FATHER YASHVARDHAN KHURANA WAS BEHIND EVERYTHING. IT WAS HIM WHO PAID US TO MURDER THEM AND IT WAS HIM WHO GOT US FREE FROM COURT.
EVIDENTLY, ALTHOUGH YOUR GRANDFATHER WAS RETIRED, HE HELD THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN IN OBEROI INDUSTRIES AND HE WAS NOT ALWAYS IN FAVOR OF HOW YASHVARDHAN RAN THE COMPANY. YASH REMOVED THAT THORN FROM HIS WAY. AFTER EVERYTHING GOT CLEARED HE PUT A CONTRACT ON OUR HEAD, AND WE ARE ON THE RUN FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES. I AM TIRED OF RUNNING.
GO AHEAD BOY, END MY LIFE, END THIS MISERY... END IT!
NNYYAARGHH!

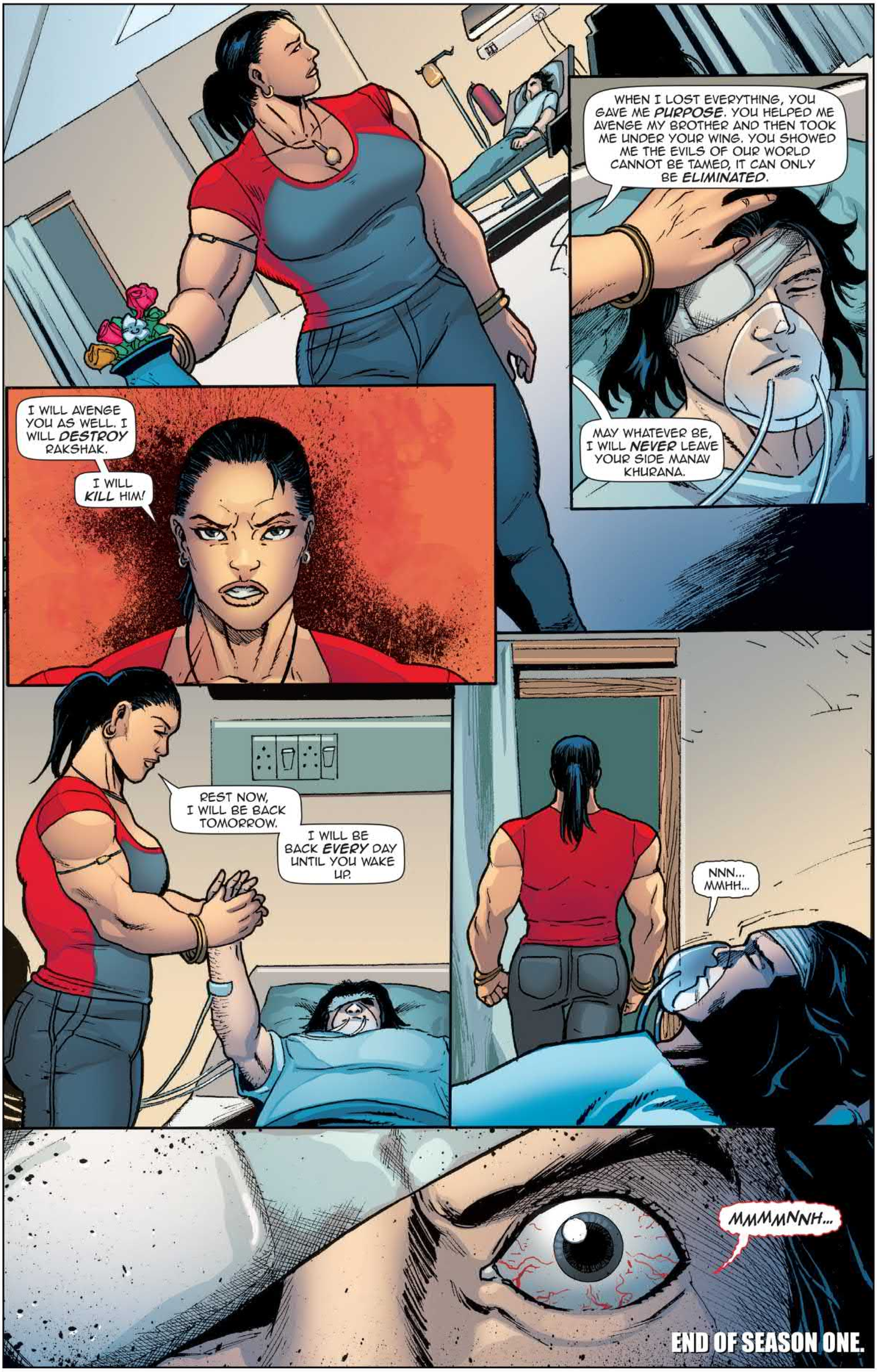

WHEN HE TOLD ME OF THIS, SOMEHOW I FOUND A ***KINDRED*** SOUL IN HIM. HIS ANGER INFECTED ME AND I DECIDED TO PLAY ALONG. HE WANTED ***YOU*** TO UNDERSTAND MOST OF ALL, HE WANTED YOU TO BE ON HIS SIDE AND HE OFFERED FEROZE IN RETURN.
WHATEVER HE OFFERED IT DIDN'T MATTER TO ME. I WILL ***NEVER*** CROSS THAT LINE.
I KNOW, YOU ARE INCORRUPTIBLE, BUT I AM AFRAID THERE IS A DARKNESS IN ME AS WELL. I HAVE ***FAILED*** YOU ADI.
NO YOU DIDN'T. THE MOMENT YOU DROPPED THE GUN, I ***WON*** THIS BATTLE.
A FEW BROKEN BONES, INTERNAL BLEEDING MINOR CONCUSSIONS, I CAN MANAGE, BUT I CAME OUT OF THIS ***STRONGER*** IN SPIRIT AND SO DID ***YOU***.
MANAV COULDN'T BREAK OUR SPIRIT.
MAYBE, BUT I STILL FEEL BAD FOR HIM. I WISH THINGS WERE DIFFERENT. I WISH YOU COULD GO ON BEING THE DYNAMIC DUO.
THIS IS ***REAL*** LIFE SAINA AND PEOPLE OFTEN COME OF WAY DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE EXPECT THEM TO BE. WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THIS AND MOVE ON.
AND WHAT OF RAKSHAK? MANAV'S DAD IS GOING TO GO ***BLITZKRIEG*** ON ALL THE VIGILANTES, I SAW IN THE NEWS.
HE IS POWERFUL ADI, REALLY, REALLY POWERFUL. I AM ***WORRIED***.
ACTUALLY YOU KNOW I AM SOMEWHAT RELIEVED. I WAS YEARNING FOR A BREAK. MAYBE RAKSHAK NEEDS TO STEP DOWN FOR A WHILE UNTIL THINGS COOL DOWN AND MY BROKEN BONES ARE MENDED.
IT IS TIME WE LIVED LIKE ***NORMAL*** PEOPLE FOR A WHILE, AND GUESS WHAT; I GOT TICKETS FOR THE PREMIER SHOW OF SPIDER-MAN HOMECOMING.


WOW, THESE ARE TICKETS FOR ADVANCE SCREENING! WHERE'D YOU GET THEM? AND FIVE TICKETS?
SAINA, WE GOT FRIENDS NOW, VERY *GOOD* FRIENDS.
DING DONG
NOW GET THE DOOR OR YOU WANT YOUR OLD INJURED UNCLE TO DO EVERYTHING BY HIMSELF?
HI!
UH...SAINA, THIS IS RUHI.
I KNOW, I SEE HER ALL THE TIME ON YOUR PHONE OR DELHI DAYLIGHT SITE.
YOU KNOW WHAT?
YOU ARE REALLY *PRETTY*.
CAMERAS DON'T DO YOU JUSTICE.
HA HA THANKS!


COME, COME, WE ARE GETTING LATE. I AM REALLY EAGER TO DRIVE ADI SIR SOMEWHERE ELSE THAN DINGY ALLEYS AND CRIME SCENES.
AND I HEARD THERE WILL BE *CELEBRITIES* AROUND.
PITY YOU HAVE TO DRAG THIS OLD COUPLE ALONG WHO WILL KEEP ON DISTURBING YOU ASKING WHAT'S HAPPENING.
IT'S AN ENGLISH MOVIE ISN'T IT?
SHUT UP, I UNDERSTAND ENGLISH.
IT HAS BEEN A *YEAR* I LOST MY SISTER AND HER HUSBAND.
THE WORLD WENT *BLEAK* FOR ME. I THOUGHT I WAS DESTINED TO BE ALONE FOREVER.
WE NEED A LOT OF CATCHING UP TO DO, BUT REMEMBER - NEVER CALL ME AUNTIE OR ANYTHING.
YEAH- YEAH, YOUR FANCY DESIGNER FRIENDS IMPROVED YOUR ENGLISH A GREAT DEAL.
ARE YOU *MOCKING* ME, OLD BOY? REMEMBER, ONLY SALTED POPCORN FOR YOU. NO CARAMEL OR CHEESE, AND NO SOFT DRINKS AS WELL.
OH COME ON, WOMAN!
LIKE I EVER CALL ADI UNCLE, BUT YOU ARE MUCH OLDER TO ME YOU KNOW...
OH COME ON I AM HARDLY TWENTY FOUR!
GOSH, ADI...YOU KNOW THAT OLD- MAN, YOUNG- GIRL JOKE?
SAINA, BEHAVE!
HEY, I WAS ALMOST FORGETTING SOMETHING.
THIS REALLY CALLS FOR A *SELFIE*.
BUT I WAS WRONG.


OH, I FORGOT TO PUT MAKEUP, SHAMMI!
YOU DON'T NEED MAKEUP, MY DEAR.
ADI, HUNCH A LITTLE MORE, YOU ARE TOO BIG!
I LOOK HORRIBLE AND I *HATE* SELFIES.
RAKSHAK GAVE ME A NEW FAMILY.


A WEEK LATER.
YOU ARE POSSIBLY THE *FIRST* PERSON TO SEE HIM AFTER HIS DAD ADMITTED HIM TO THE V.I.P. SECTION.
STRANGE, HE HAS GIVEN HIM THE BEST MEDICAL FACILITY AVAILABLE BUT NEVER THINKS OF CHECKING UP ON HIS COMATOSE SON.
IT'S SO NICE OF YOU TO BRING HIM FLOWERS, IT BREAKS MY HEART TO SEE HIM LIKE THIS, ALL *ALONE*.
Don't Die
YOU SAID YOU'RE A *FRIEND* AIN'T YOU?
FROM HIS GYM.
FIGURES- FORGIVE ME FOR STARING, I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYONE LIKE YOU IN MY LIFE.
UM...ARE YOU HIS *GIRLFRIEND*?
DO I *LOOK* LIKE HIS GIRLFRIEND?
OKAY THEN, I WILL LEAVE YOU TWO ALONE.
JUST *PRAY* FOR HIM OKAY?
I WILL.


WHEN I LOST EVERYTHING, YOU GAVE ME *PURPOSE*. YOU HELPED ME AVENGE MY BROTHER AND THEN TOOK ME UNDER YOUR WING. YOU SHOWED ME THE EVILS OF OUR WORLD CANNOT BE TAMED, IT CAN ONLY BE *ELIMINATED*.
MAY WHATEVER BE, I WILL *NEVER* LEAVE YOUR SIDE MANAV KHURANA.
I WILL AVENGE YOU AS WELL. I WILL *DESTROY* RAKSHAK.
I WILL *KILL* HIM!
REST NOW, I WILL BE BACK TOMORROW.
I WILL BE BACK *EVERY* DAY UNTIL YOU WAKE UP.
NNN... MMHH...
MMMMNNH...
END OF SEASON ONE.

AFTERWORDS

Being a comic book writer or artist is not easy in India. I mean it’s not easy anywhere in the world but in India it is much tougher because there are not too many people doing this as a business. On that there is a completely unorganized market, fleeting interest of the audience, no proper fanbase, non-existent distribution chain, we all know how it works. In this situation, in a span of one and half years we have managed to make a four part saga of a retired army veteran turned superhero in real time Delhi. The Origin saga of Captain Aditya Shergill and his quest for justice in the guise of Rakshak : The Protector. All four parts containing 350 pages of intrigue, action, heroism and grounds-on realistic approach to a vigilante superhero in India. This series will make you question yourself and your ideas of morality and justice. The sheer volume of the first season is equal to 15 American format single comics, and we told it in four parts. Rakshak is possibly my biggest undertaking and longest running series in sheer size after Ramayan 3392 AD, and we made this book out of complete newcomers, young Turks within twenties and even less (Barring a couple of course, which includes me). It was our joy and honor to work with such fresh new creative minds who are in this medium just for the love of it. Thank you Pramit Santra, Prasad Patnaik Abhishek Dasgupta, Karina Daruwalla, Tadam Gyadu, Abhilash Panda, Vishal Pandey, Periya Pillai and Gaurav Shrivastav for joining us in this journey. And finally Asvin Srivatsangam, my friend and CEO of YDC whose dauntless enterprise and confidence in the content made it what it is today. Take a bow guys, all of you.

Shamik Dasgupta
(Writer)
AUGUST, 2017.

One day in Jan 2016, in between terribly fluctuating internet problems, I got a message from Asvin Srivatsangam from YDC. He asked me if I was available and of course I was, so I asked “what’s the project?” He replied back “Rakshak”, a story of a retired disabled soldier. For the next many days, we kept sharing sketches of characters before starting the real comic. When we started Rakshak Issue 1 in 2016, we had a few things in mind. We discussed a comic art style for issue1, went with it but somehow, YDC’s base readership gave some very mixed responses. We modified the style a lot with each consecutive pages and still improving it to become acceptable to the comic fan base in India. A challenge for me was to bridge a gap between my heavily inked comic art and Prasad Patnaik’s vibrant colors (at least, that’s what I felt). Prasad is a fine colorist but I felt that our style had to be matched to make it likable. We improved some in issue 2, some more in issue 3, with many different artists trying to handle the characters and the Rakshak universe. And then, Rakshak issue 4 came and somehow I believe we achieved that fine balance.

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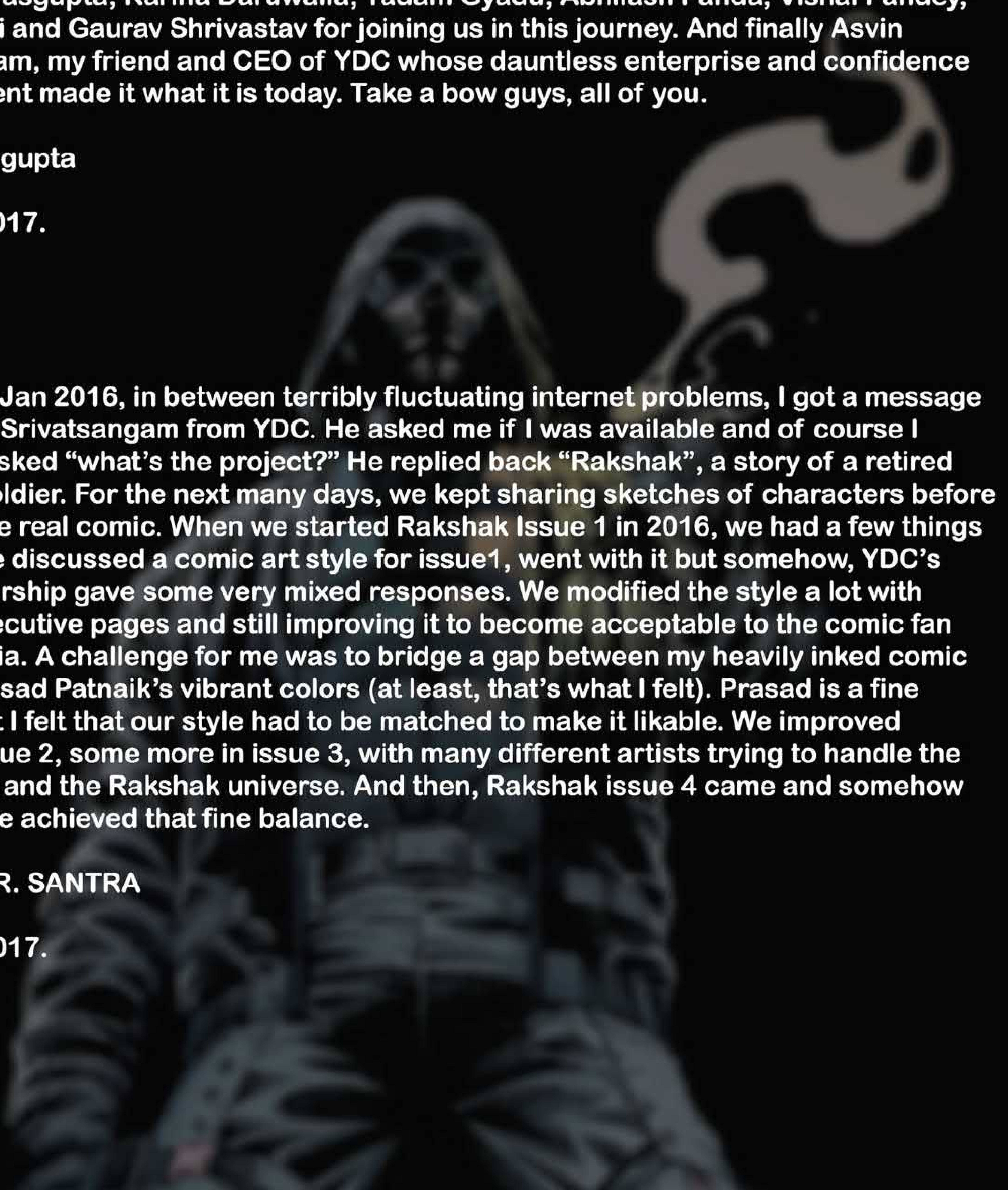

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